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Convention establishing the European Centre for Medium-Range Weather Forecasts.

CONSIDERING the importance for the European economy of a considerable improvement in medium-range weather forecasts;

CONSIDERING that the scientific and technical research carried out for this purpose will provide a valuable stimulus to the development of meteorology in Europe;

CONSIDERING that the improvement of medium-range weather forecasts will contribute to the protection and safety of the population;

CONSIDERING that, to achieve these objectives, resources on a scale exceeding those normally practicable at national level are needed;

CONSIDERING that it appears from the report submitted by the Working Party responsible for preparing a project on the subject that the establishment of an autonomous European centre with international status is the appropriate means to attain these objectives;

CONSIDERING that such a centre could also assist in the postuniversity training of scientists;

CONSIDERING that the activities of such a centre will, moreover, make a necessary contribution to certain programmes of the World Meteorological Organisation (WMO), in particular the world system of the World Weather Watch (WWW) and the Global Atmospheric Research Programme (GARP), undertaken by the World Meteorological Organisation in conjunction with the International Council of Scientific Unions (ICSU);

CONSIDERING the importance that the establishment of such a centre can have for the development of European industry in the field of data-processing,

HAVE DECIDED to establish a European Centre for Medium-Range Weather forecasts and to define the conditions under which it should operate and to this end have designated as their Plenipotentiaries:

HIS MAJESTY THE KING OF THE BELGIANS

Mr Joseph van der Meulen,

Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary,
Permanent Representative of Belgium to the European Communities;

HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN OF DENEMARK

Mr Niels Ersbøll,

Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary,
Permanent Representative of Denmark to the European Communities;

THE PRESIDENT OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY

Mr Ulrich Lebsanft,

Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary,
Permanent Representative of the Federal Republic of Germany to the European Communities;

THE HEAD OF STATE OF SPAIN

Mr Alberto Ullastres Calvo,

Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary,
Head of the Mission of Spain to the European Communities;