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U.S. Embassy Luxembourg – Announcement – Joint Statement of Intent between the National and Aeronautics and Space Administration and the Luxembourg Space Agency

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The United States Ambassador to Luxembourg, J. Randolph Evans, is pleased to announce the National and Aeronautics and Space Administration and the Luxembourg Space Agency signed a Joint Statement of Intent in Washington, D.C.

Ambassador Evans joined the Administrator of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA), Mr. James. F. Bridenstine, in welcoming the Chief Executive Officer of the Luxembourg Space Agency (LSA), Dr. Marc Serres, and Deputy Prime Minister Etienne Schneider to Washington.

“NASA and the Luxembourg Space Agency launched new cooperation on the margins of the International Astronautical Conference during a celebratory event that I was pleased to join. The two agencies signed a Joint Statement of Intent to pursue further collaboration and a Framework Agreement. This is another step forward in the cooperation we envisioned as part of the Space Memorandum of Understanding signed on May 10, 2019, which established a more formal exchange of information between our two countries to facilitate research, exploration, development, and use of space, as well as the continued growth of our respective space industries through new commercial and investment opportunities. The entire U.S. Embassy team has been working hard to facilitate continued progress, like this, in our space cooperation. Congratulations to both the LSA and NASA.”

In the joint statement of intent, Bridenstine and Serres identify several potential areas for future cooperation, including space applications, space exploration and utilization, sharing of scientific

data, and education, while agreeing to pursue a Framework Agreement to facilitate further collaboration between the two agencies.

Please find attached the full text of the NASA/LSA Joint Statement, as well as photos of the



signing ceremony in Washington, D.C.

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**Joint Statement of Intent between
the National Aeronautics and Space Administration
and
the Luxembourg Space Agency**

The Administrator of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA), Mr. James. F. Bridenstine, welcomed the Chief Executive Officer of the Luxembourg Space Agency (LSA), Dr. Marc Serres, on the occasion of Dr. Serres' visit to Washington to attend the International Astronautical Congress.

The Administrator congratulated the Chief Executive Officer on the creation of LSA in 2018. Both sides took note of the May 2019 Memorandum of Understanding between the Governments of the United States of America and the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg on Space, in which NASA and LSA were designated to exchange information about prospective collaboration.

Administrator Bridenstine and Chief Executive Officer Serres further acknowledged the steps taken in the United States and in Luxembourg to advance opportunities for the commercial use of space. They noted that these developments have set the stage for fruitful collaboration in areas of mutual interest, particularly in the context of the priority that NASA has placed on returning humans to the surface of the Moon by 2024 through the Artemis program, and its plans to establish the basis for a long-term human presence by 2028 with a view towards human exploration of Mars. They also underlined the potential these initiatives have for space resources exploration and utilization as well as for private sector entities and public private partnerships to contribute to exploration and utilization of the Moon, Mars, and other celestial bodies. Chief Executive Officer Serres emphasized that LSA places a great importance on its aim to contribute to the peaceful exploration and sustainable utilization of space resources for the benefit of humankind.

Administrator Bridenstine and Chief Executive Officer Serres noted a number of potential areas for such future collaboration, including:

- Space Applications

- Space Exploration and Utilization, including the sustainable utilization of space resources
- Sharing of Scientific Data
- Education

The agencies will continue to explore these areas through technical and programmatic discussions with the objective of identifying potential opportunities for collaboration. In parallel, NASA and LSA intend to pursue a Framework Agreement as a means of facilitating future collaboration between the two agencies.

Signed in Washington, D.C., on October 22, 2019.

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James F. Bridenstine
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