

**Resolution on
the Level of Resources
for the Agency's Mandatory Activities 2023-2027**

(adopted on 23 November 2022)

Council, meeting at ministerial level,

HAVING REGARD to Articles I.3, V.1 (a) and XI.5 (a) (ii) of the Convention,

HAVING REGARD to the Resolution on the Level of Resources for the Agency's Mandatory Activities 2017-2021, adopted on 2 December 2016 (ESA/C-M/CCLXIV/Res.2 (Final)) (the "Resolution 2017-2021"), and the Resolution on the Scientific Programme and the Basic Activities for Space19+, Level of Resources for 2020-2024, adopted on 28 November 2019 (ESA/C-M/CCLXXXVI/Res.2 (Final)) (the "Resolution 2020-2024"),

HAVING REGARD to the Director General's Proposal for the Scientific Programme and the Basic Activities (ESA/C-M(2022)8) (the "Proposal"),

1. DECIDES by a unanimous vote of all Member States to determine the level of resources to be made available to the Agency for the period 2023-2027 at 4,802 M€ in current economic conditions, according to the following planning:

2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	TOTAL
892	952	986	986	986	4,802

of which

- (a) an amount of 3,186 M€ is allocated for the Scientific Programme, according to the following planning:

2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	TOTAL
592	632	654	654	654	3,186

- (b) an amount of 1,616 M€ is allocated for the Agency's Basic Activities, according to the following planning:

2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	TOTAL
300	320	332	332	332	1,616

2. DECIDES to maintain, in line with the Proposal and in order to provide complementary resources to the Basic Activities for Core Technical Expertise and to fund the “ESA Green Agenda” activities, the recharge on programmes and activities including those financed by third parties, which was established by the Resolution 2017-2021 and continued by the Resolution 2020-2024, for an overall amount of 139 M€ at current economic conditions, according to the following planning:

2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	TOTAL
25	27	29	29	29	139

3. RECOGNISES the central role and core value given by the Convention to both the Scientific Programme and the Basic Activities making Science, Research and Development the backbone of the Agency, and the foundation of all its activities; UNDERLINES that basic science and research are key ingredients of a modern, advanced and prosperous society, and can create significant long-term economic benefits for European industry;
4. STRESSES that an appropriate long-term funding level of Science, Research and Development is necessary with a view to ensure Europe's scientific

leadership and visibility over the coming decades, to strengthen the scientific and technical foundation of the European space sector and industry;

5. ACKNOWLEDGES the outstanding achievements of the ESA Scientific Programme that allows Europe to maintain leadership in key, highly visible scientific and technological fields, illustrated by a unique fleet of solar system explorers and cosmic observers and the ambition to lead the development of the first space-based gravitational wave observatory; UNDERLINES that the Scientific Programme creates significant economic benefits for European industry by fostering the development of innovative solutions that result in novel commercial applications and enables ESA Member States to participate in state-of-the-art science missions with instruments developed nationally or via PRODEX while, at the same time, inspiring a steady flow of students in STEM disciplines and of young talent and skill into European industry; and ENCOURAGES the Agency to build on its strong, strategic partnerships in order to maintain the European scientific community's significant role in ambitious scientific enterprises, as exemplified by the ESA-NASA partnership that resulted in the highly visible Webb Space Telescope launch from Kourou on 25 December 2021;
6. WELCOMES the decision of the Scientific Programme Committee on the long-term scientific priorities for the "Voyage 2050" programme (ESA/SPC(2021)20) that has been developed together with the European space science community through a bottom-up approach and shall be implemented alongside already approved missions and missions in operations; and FURTHER WELCOMES the definition by the Scientific Programme Committee of a balanced portfolio of different-sized missions that will also enhance ESA's role in the provision of scientific payloads and strengthen cooperation with ESA's international partners on flagship missions;
7. UNDERLINES the crucial role of the Basic Activities as the enabler of all other activities carried out by the Agency and space industry in Europe by being structured around its four objectives:

- (a) enable the future via early elements of the seamless grid of innovation, with the Discovery, Preparation and Technology Development (DPTD) element;
 - (b) develop and maintain ESA's common infrastructure;
 - (c) develop, preserve and disseminate knowledge; and
 - (d) enable the ESA Transformation.
- 8. AGREES that the special measure in the Technology Development budget line of the Basic Activities to mitigate severe geo-return deficits relative to the contribution of specific Member States will be implemented in accordance with the existing Industrial Policy Task Force mechanism for the concerned Member State, and is limited to the period of 2023-2025; INVITES the Director General to present to the Member States in 2025 a review of the impact of the measure on the Member States which benefit from it, in conjunction with the formal review of the geo-return statistics at the end of 2024 and INVITES the Industrial Policy Committee to closely monitor the implementation of this special measure.