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concerning the Formation of a
European Organisation for Experimental
Photogrammetric Research
Paris, 12 October 1953

with a

Supplementary Protocol ✓

amending the Agreement

Delft, 16 June 1954

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**AGREEMENT
CONCERNING THE FORMATION OF A EUROPEAN
ORGANISATION FOR EXPERIMENTAL PHOTOGRAMMETRIC
RESEARCH**

The undersigned Representatives of the Governments of the Federal Republic of Germany, of the Republic of Austria, of the Kingdom of Belgium, of the Republic of Italy, and of the Kingdom of the Netherlands, duly authorised to that effect;

Desirous of co-operating with one another in the development and improvement of experimental photogrammetric methods, in view of the Recommendation of the Council of the Organisation for European Economic Co-operation of 25th July, 1952;

Have agreed as follows:

ARTICLE 1

Organisation

The Contracting Parties hereby establish a European Organisation for Experimental Photogrammetric Research (hereinafter referred to as the "Organisation").

ARTICLE 2

Aim

The Aim of the Organisation is to increase the accuracy, quality, and efficiency of aerial surveys by speeding up the development and improvement of photogrammetric methods, in particular by arranging and carrying out, in mutual co-operation, a joint programme of experimental photogrammetric research.

ARTICLE 3

Members

The Members of the Organisation shall be either the Contracting Parties which are Signatories of the present Agreement or have acceded to it in accordance with the provisions of Article 9 below, or the appropriate governmental or semi-governmental agencies designated to that effect by their Governments, each Contracting Party being represented by one agency.

ARTICLE 4

Structure

The Organisation shall consist of a Steering Committee and of an Executive Bureau and as many Scientific Committees as may be considered necessary to carry out the research programmes.

(a) The Steering Committee shall be composed of Delegates of Members of the Organisation. It shall consist of not more than two Delegates of each Member, to be chosen wherever possible among specialists representing users of photogrammetric services.

The travelling expenses and mission allowances of Delegates of Members shall, as a rule, be paid by the Members.

Decisions of the Steering Committee shall be taken by majority of three-fourths of Delegates present, or represented and voting, subject to the provisions of paragraph (b) of Article 7 below. Each Member shall have one vote only.

However, a decision shall be valid only if the majority of three-fourths of the votes validly cast equals at least half the number of Members.

The Steering Committee shall elect a Chairman from among its Members. If the voting is equal, the Chairman shall have the casting vote.

The Steering Committee shall decide which problems shall be investigated; adopt the appropriate programmes; allocate the work and supervise the implementation of all programmes agreed upon.

The Steering Committee shall, if necessary, adopt Rules of Procedure and any decisions required for the proper operation of the Organisation, particularly as regards the time allowed for the submission of proposals to the Steering Committee and patent rights.

The Steering Committee shall adopt the Budget and supervise the finances of the Organisation.

The Steering Committee shall designate the members of the Executive Bureau (who may not be delegates who are members of the Steering Committee) and shall establish the Scientific Committees required for carrying out each programme.

(b) The Executive Bureau shall consist, in principle, of three persons who shall manage the scientific, technical, and administrative business of the Organisation on a part-time basis. One of these will act as Secretary-General of the Organisation and shall be specially responsible for all administrative and financial matters. The Secretary-General shall be authorised to deal with all day-to-day business relating to the functioning of the Organisation.

The Executive Bureau shall be responsible to the Steering Committee for carrying out the programme and the decisions adopted by the Steering Committee within the specified time-limits and in the manner prescribed.

The Executive Bureau shall be authorised by the Steering Committee to organise and launch research programmes. It shall co-ordinate work and prepare documents and estimates for the Steering Committee and the Scientific Committees. It shall follow up results; take all precautions to avoid delay and keep the Steering Committee informed concerning progress and results and the work of the Scientific Committees.

The members of the Executive Bureau shall attend meetings of the Steering Committee but shall not be entitled to vote.

ARTICLE 5

Operation

The Organisation shall be guided in its work by the following Principles:

(a) The carrying out of co-ordinated research programmes, mutually agreed upon, shall be de-centralised.

(b) To carry out the programmes adopted by the Steering Committee, the Scientific Committees shall work out a detailed schedule for each study, take part in the trials, observe, interpret and compare results, give general guidance on research, and make detailed enquiries into any technical questions submitted to them by the Steering Committee.

(c) The Steering Committee shall decide whether results of research shall be made public.

(d) In agreement with the centres concerned, the Executive Bureau shall take all appropriate steps to ensure that work at the centres engaged in research is not obstructed by visitors.

ARTICLE 6

Headquarters

The Steering Committee shall determine the Headquarters of the Organisation as soon as possible.

ARTICLE 7

Financial Resources and Contributions

The Organisation shall be maintained by contributions of the Members together with gifts, legacies and subsidies from various sources, subject to the provisions of paragraph (c) of Article 7.

(a) A financial contribution shall be payable by Members in the form of an annual subscription which shall be used to defray the operational costs of the Organisation and the Executive Bureau (various administrative and technical expenses, publications, transport of equipment, etc.). The annual subscription shall be determined by the Steering Committee and shall not exceed £200 for each Member.

(b) Research contributions shall be provided by the Members in the form of services and supplies, e.g., aerial photography, supply of photographs, data or auxiliary equipment, calculating co-ordinates of checking points, providing plotting, and checking instruments and by seconding operators, computers and scientific staff.

The amount to be allocated to each programme shall be decided unanimously by the Steering Committee in the light of each country's capacity and its interest in the work concerned.

If, however, a Member suggests some special research programme the cost of which substantially exceeds the value of its own research contribution, the Steering Committee may request the Member concerned to pay an amount to cover the additional cost involved in the special research.

(c) Gifts, legacies, and subsidies may only be accepted if they do not entail any clause contrary to the aims of the Organisation.

ARTICLE 8

Initial programme

The initial programme shall include among others:

(a) a comprehensive and objective comparison of the most recent methods of aerial triangulation;

(b) an experimental study of the use of precision photogrammetry for making large-scale maps and, in particular, for the cadastral survey; and

(c) an experimental study of quick and cheap methods of making small-scale maps.

The Steering Committee may extend the initial programme so as to include the experimental study of other problems relating either to the improvement of photogrammetric methods or to the use and improvement of instruments.

ARTICLE 9

Accession

The Government of any Member country of the Organisation for European Economic Co-operation, or of any country associated with the work of the said Organisation, may become a Party to this Agreement by notifying the Organisation, subject to the approval by the Steering Committee of the Organisation, which may make accession conditional on the prior payment of a sum to be determined by it.

ARTICLE 10

Withdrawal

(a) Any Contracting Party may notify its intention of withdrawing from this Agreement after a period of two years of participation. The withdrawal shall become effective one year after the date on which it has been notified to the Organisation, provided the Member concerned has paid its contribution for the year in the course of which its membership is terminated.

(b) If a Member fails to fulfil its obligations towards the Organisation, the Steering Committee may suspend that Member from the enjoyment of its rights and privileges as and how it may decide.

ARTICLE 11

Amendments

The present Agreement may be amended by the Steering Committee on the proposal of any Member or of the Executive Bureau. The proposal of any amendment shall be communicated to all Members at least three months before being submitted to the Steering Committee for consideration.

ARTICLE 12

Entry into force of the Agreement

(a) The present Agreement shall come into force for the Signatories upon signature. For each country acceding at a later date it shall come into force upon approval by the Steering Committee.

(b) As soon as the present Agreement comes into force, the Organisation shall inform the Organisation for European Economic Co-operation and the International Society of Photogrammetry of this and shall establish close relations with those organisations.

ARTICLE 13

Dissolution of the Organisation

In the event of the dissolution of the Organisation the Steering Committee shall take all appropriate measures for the disposal of the assets of the Organisation in the best interests of the Members.

In witness whereof the undersigned Representatives have signed the present Agreement.

Done in Paris this twelfth day of October Nineteen Hundred and Fifty Three, in the English and French languages, both texts being equally authentic, in a single copy which shall be deposited in the archives of the Organisation by which certified copies will be communicated to all the Signatories.

[Here follow the signatures on behalf of]

Austria

Belgium

Germany, Federal Republic of

Italy

Netherlands

APPROVALS

<i>State</i>		<i>Date</i>
Denmark	17 Oct. 1974
Finland	24 Apr. 1974
France	17 Apr. 1980
Norway	9 Nov. 1973
Sweden	12 May 1977
Switzerland	29 Apr. 1971
United Kingdom	16 Oct. 1980*

* This was confirmed by an Instrument of Accession deposited on 15 June 1981

**SUPPLEMENTARY PROTOCOL
AMENDING AND CORRECTING THE AGREEMENT
CONCERNING THE FORMATION OF A EUROPEAN
ORGANISATION FOR EXPERIMENTAL PHOTOGRAMMETRIC
RESEARCH SIGNED ON 12TH OCTOBER 1953**

The undersigned Representatives of the Governments of the Federal Republic of Germany, of the Republic of Austria, of the Kingdom of Belgium, of the Republic of Italy and of the Kingdom of the Netherlands, duly authorised to that effect;

Being the Representatives of Governments who are Signatories to the Agreement concerning the Formation of a European Organisation for Experimental Photogrammetric Research (hereinafter referred to as the "Agreement"), signed in Paris on 12th October, 1953;

Having agreed to sign a Supplementary Protocol Amending the Agreement;

Have agreed as follows:

ARTICLE 1

The fifth sub-paragraph of paragraph (a) of Article 4 of the Agreement shall be amended and shall read as follows:

"The Steering Committee shall elect a Chairman from among its Members. The election shall be made by a simple majority of the Delegates present and voting, each Member having one vote only. If the voting is equal, the Chairman shall have the casting vote."

ARTICLE 2

Paragraph (c) of Article 5 of the Agreement shall be amended and shall read as follows:

"(c) The Steering Committee shall decide whether the results of research shall be made public. Publications shall be made under the authority of the Committee."

ARTICLE 3

(a) Paragraph (a) of Article 8 of the Agreement shall be amended and shall read as follows:

"(a) a comprehensive and objective study of the most recent methods of aerial triangulation."

(b) The French version of paragraph (b) of Article 8 of the Agreement shall be corrected and shall read as follows:

“(b) une étude expérimentale de l'emploi de la photogrammétrie de haute précision pour les cartes aux grandes échelles et, en particulier, pour le cadastre.”

(c) The French version of paragraph (c) of Article 8 of the Agreement shall be corrected and shall read as follows:

“(c) une étude expérimentale des méthodes économiques et rapides d'établissement des cartes aux petites échelles.”

(d) A new paragraph (d) shall be added in Article 8 of the Agreement after paragraph (c) of that Article, which shall read as follows:

“(d) the assembly of documents dealing with photogrammetry,”

(e) Paragraph (d) of Article 8 of the Agreement shall become paragraph (e) of that Article.

ARTICLE 4

The following words shall be added in French over the signature of the Representative of the Government of the Republic of Austria, Ing. Karl Neumaier: “(sous réserve de ratification)”.

ARTICLE 5

Articles 1 to 3 of the present Supplementary Protocol shall form an integral part of the Agreement.

In witness whereof the undersigned Representatives, duly empowered, have signed the present Supplementary Protocol.

Done in Delft, this sixteenth day of June, Nineteen Hundred and Fifty Four, in the English and French languages, both texts being equally authentic, in a single copy which shall be deposited in the Archives of the European Organisation for Experimental Photogrammetric Research, by which certified copies will be communicated to all the Signatories.

For signatures and accessions see page 6.