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Subject: Extension of the European Cooperating State Agreement between the Government of the Republic of Lithuania and ESA

Dear Minister,

I have the honour to refer to the European Cooperating State (ECS) Agreement between the Government of the Republic of Lithuania and ESA signed in Paris on 7 October 2014. Following the signature of the PECS Charter between ESA and the Government of the Republic of Lithuania on 28 September 2015 and pursuant to Articles 14 and 15 of the ECS Agreement, the latter entered into force 28 September 2015 and will remain in force for a period of 5 years, i.e. until 27 September 2020.

On 16 March 2020, the Ministry of the Economy and Innovation of the Republic of Lithuania informed the Agency of its willingness to become an Associate Member of ESA. Considering that Article 15.2 of the present ECS Agreement establishes that the Agreement “may be extended by mutual agreement in writing”, cognisant of the importance of the cooperation enabled thereunder, and in order to allow ESA Member States to consider Lithuania’s request to become an Associate Member of ESA, while at the same time taking into consideration potential delays stemming from the on-going COVID19 crisis, I have the honour to propose an extension of the duration of the present ECS Agreement in force in its current form for a 12-month period, i.e. until 27 September 2021.

If the above is acceptable to you, I propose that the present letter, together with your affirmative reply, shall constitute the instrument under which the period of validity of the above-mentioned ECS Agreement will be extended until 27 September 2021.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'JW', followed by a horizontal line and a small flourish.

Johann-Dietrich Wörner