

LETTER OF INTENT

BETWEEN

THE MINISTRY OF THE ENVIRONMENT OF JAPAN AND
NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES,

AND

THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND INNOVATION OF BRAZIL AND
THE NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR SPACE RESEARCH

The Ministry of the Environment of Japan, hereinafter referred to as “MOE”, the National Institute for Environmental Studies, hereinafter referred to as “NIES”, the Ministry of Science, Technology and Innovation of Brazil, hereinafter referred to as “MCTI”, and the National Institute for Space Research, hereinafter referred to as “INPE”, express their intent to enhance cooperation in the area of greenhouse gases (GHG) observation satellite.

For this purpose, MOE, NIES, MCTI, and INPE, hereinafter collectively referred to as “Participants” and individually as a “Participant”, intend to engage in the development of cooperative research, development and innovation projects, by utilizing observation satellites including GOSAT series, and to jointly organize workshops and expert meetings to share knowledge, methodologies, and research outcomes related to these activities.

This Letter of Intent will be implemented depending upon the budgetary availability of each Participant and in line with the respective national legal standards.

The costs for the cooperation activities will be borne by each Participant, as jointly consented upon, within the limits of the availability of funds. There will be no transfer of funds between the Participants.

The implementation of specific cooperative initiatives will depend on specific instruments between the relevant Participants.

This Letter of Intent and cooperative activities carried out under it will be implemented in line with the respective national laws, regulations and policies applicable to the respective Participant and with international agreements to which the two countries are parties.

This Letter of Intent is not legally binding and is not intended to create any legal rights or obligations on the Participants.

Any differences relating to or arising from the interpretation or implementation of this Letter of Intent will be resolved amicably through consultations or negotiations between the Participants.

This Letter of Intent will commence on the date of the last signing and will be operative for a period of five (5) years from that date and will be automatically renewed for subsequent periods of five (5) years, unless one Participant notifies all the other Participants in writing of its intention not to renew it at least six (6) months prior to the date of discontinuation.

This Letter of Intent may be discontinued at any time by written notification from any Participant to all the other Participants, provided that such notification is given at least six (6) months prior to the date of discontinuation.

The discontinuation of this Letter of Intent will not affect any decisions made or cooperative activities commenced prior to such discontinuation, unless otherwise jointly decided by the Participants.

Signed on the of September in 2026 in eight originals, two each in Japanese and Portuguese, and four in English languages, all texts having equal value. In case of any divergence in interpretation, the English text will prevail.

For the Ministry of the Environment of Japan

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