

THE 2376 TREATY OF AEGIS:
Facility 30218-UKRFCB



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AGREEMENT AMONG THE GOVERNMENT OF THE BAJORA, THE PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT OF THE CARDASSIAN UNION, THE GOVERNMENT OF THE FERENGİ ALLIANCE, THE GOVERNMENT OF THE KLİNGON EMPIRE, THE GOVERNMENT OF THE ROMULAN STAR EMPIRE, AND GOVERNMENTS OF THE MEMBER STATES OF THE UNITED FEDERATION OF PLANETS CONCERNING COOPERATION ON PROJECT AEGIS, FACILITY 30218-UKRFCB

The Government of the Bajora (herein also “Bajoran Government”),

The Government of the Ferengi Alliance (herein also “Ferengi Alliance”),

The Government of the Klingon Empire (herein also “Klingon Empire”),

The Government of the Romulan Star Empire (herein also “Romulan Star Empire”),

The Governments of the United Federation of Planets (herein also “United Federation of Planets”),

The Provisional Government of the Cardassian Union (herein also “Cardassian Union”),

Recalling the acceptance of invitation in the common defense against the Government of the Dominion and its Agents in a conflict which has now sense concluded,

Recalling that the former Government of the Cardassian Union had entered into agreement with the Government of the Dominion and its Agents in a conflict,

Recognizing the full damage and cost that the Cardassian Union has suffered as a result of the stated conflict, specifically but not limited to the Cardassia Prime System,

Recognizing joint concern to prevent such acts from ever occurring again,

Recalling Article 20 of the Termination of Hostilities Agreement between the Allied Powers and the Government of the Dominion,

Have agreed as follows:

Article 1
Object and Scope

1. The objective of this Agreement is to establish the long-term intergovernmental cooperative framework among the Allies, on the basis of genuine partnership, for the detailed design, development, operation and utilization of a permanently inhabited Space Station, in accordance with galactic law. This Space Station will serve to enhance the scientific, technological, commercial and other uses of space while providing all means possible for the reconstruction of the Cardassian Union. This Agreement specifically defines the Space Station program and the nature of this partnership, including the respective rights and obligations of the Allies in this cooperation. This Agreement further provides for mechanisms and arrangements designed to ensure that its object is fulfilled.
2. The Allies will join their efforts, under the lead role of the Ferengi Alliance and its representative, for overall management and coordination, to create a Space Station. The

United Federation of Planets, drawing on their extensive experience, will produce elements which serve as the foundation for the Space Station. The Klingon Empire and Romulan Star Empire, drawing on their extensive experience, will produce elements which serve to enhance the Space Station's sensory and defensive capabilities. The Ferengi Alliance, drawing on their extensive experience and capability, will provide material support for all efforts. The Government of the Bajora will be an essential part of the Space Station. The Provisional Government of the Cardassian Union will assist this effort in any way possible.

3. The permanently inhabited Space Station (hereinafter "Facility 30218-UKRFCB") will be a multi-use facility in placement to fulfill its scope, with flight elements and material support for Facility 30218-UKRFCB provided by the Allies. By providing Facility 30218-UKRFCB elements, each Allie acquires certain rights to use of the facility and participates in its management in accordance with this Agreement and implementing arrangements.
4. Facility 30218-UKRFCB is conceived as having an evolutionary character. The Allies States' rights and obligations regarding evolution shall be subject to specific provisions in accordance with Article 14.

Article 2 Interstellar Rights and Obligations

1. Facility 30218-UKRFCB shall be developed, operated and utilized in accordance with interstellar law.
2. Nothing in this Agreement shall be interpreted as:
 - a. Modifying the rights and obligations of the Allies already in place, either towards each other or toward other States, except where otherwise provided;
 - b. Affecting the rights and obligations of the Allies when exploring or using out space, whether individually or in cooperation with other States, in activities unrelated to Facility 30218-UKRFCB; or
 - c. Constituting the basis for asserting a claim to national appropriation over space within the territory of the Cardassian Union.

Article 3 Definitions

For the purposes of this Agreement, the following definitions shall apply:

1. "this Agreement" (herein also "the Aegis Treaty")
the present Agreement
2. "the Allies" (or, where appropriate, "each Allie")
the Government of the Bajora; the Government of the Cardassian Union; the Government of the Ferengi Alliance; the Government of the Klingon Empire; the Government of the Romulan Star Empire; and the Government of the United Federation of Planets
3. "Partner State"
each Contracting Party for which this Agreement has entered into force.

Article 4 Cooperating Agencies

1. The Allies agree that the Bajora Engineering Division (hereinafter “BED”) for the Government of the Bajora, the Ferengi Commerce Authority (hereinafter “FCA”) for the Government of the Ferengi Alliance, the Imperial Engineering Corps. (hereinafter “IE”) for the Government of the Klingon Empire, the Starfleet Corps. Of Engineers (hereinafter “SCE”) for the Government of the United Federation of Planets shall be the responsible Cooperating Agencies responsible for implementing construction. The Government of the Romulan Star Empire shall provide a designation to follow no later than the first of next month.
2. The Cooperating Agencies shall report to a coordinating supervisor of Facility 30218-UKRFCB construction (hereinafter “Project Manager”). The Allies agree that this individual shall be a representative of the Government of the Ferengi Alliance but without any association to the FCA.
 - a. The Project Manager is authorized to have ultimate authority in all construction decisions and changes that may become necessary.
 - b. The Project Manager is required to provide report on Facility 30218-UKRFCB assembly and construction progression at no less than once per month.
 - c. The Allies agree that due to the nature of this Agreement and its foundation, the Government of the Ferengi Alliance is strongly encouraged to appoint diplomatic representative Ambassador Drankum to the position of Project Manager within the next standard month.
 - d. The position of Project Manager shall expire two years after successful completion of construction. Until such time as the expiration of employment but after completion of construction, the Project Manager shall assist Allied personnel in corrections to Facility 30218-UKRFCB physical plant operations as necessary.
 - e. Compensation for employment shall be authorized outside of this Agreement under terms between the Government of the Ferengi Alliance and the Project Manager, to be decided prior to initiating construction. The Partner States agree to the dedication of civil commercial property for the use of the Project Manager for the duration of Facility 30218-UKRFCB that serves as an exception to Article 6 and 16, provided in an agreement to be developed prior to the completion of construction.

Article 5 Registration; Jurisdiction and Control

1. In accordance with interstellar law, each Allie shall register as space objects the elements provided for installation, the Bajoran Government having delegated this responsibility to the SCE, acting in its name and on its behalf.
2. Pursuant to Article XXI of the Interstellar Salvage Rights Treaty of 2301, each Allie shall retain jurisdiction and control over the elements it registers in accordance with paragraph 1 above except where prohibited within this Agreement. The Allies retain jurisdiction over personnel in or on Facility 30218-UKRFCB. The exercise of such jurisdiction and control shall be subject to the Project Manager, assigned senior official of operations as designated in Article 7 and any relevant provisions of this Agreement or the procedural mechanisms established therein.

Article 6
Ownership of Elements and Equipment

1. The Bajoran Government, the Ferengi Alliance, Klingon Empire, Romulan Star Empire and United Federation of Planets shall own the elements produced until permanent installation into Facility 30218-UKRFCB on a schedule as developed by the Project Manager after all claim to ownership is surrendered subject to relevant provisions of this Agreement.
2. Equipment in or on Facility 30218-UKRFCB shall not be owned by, and ownership of elements shall not be transferred to, any non-Allie or private entity under the jurisdiction of a non-Allie without the prior concurrence of the other Allies. Any transfer of ownership of any element shall require prior notification of the other Allies with concurrence required unless taken place under terms of Article 24.
3. The management of Facility 30218-UKRFCB shall take all efforts to ensure this Article is upheld, with consideration to Article 14 and 24. The Allies, through this Agreement, agree that should paragraph 2 above be in danger of violation, that the interests of all Partner States would be suited with the destruction of all elements associated with the project.

Article 7
Management

1. Management of Facility 30218-UKRFCB will be established on a multilateral basis and the Allies will participate and discharge responsibilities in management bodies implementing arrangements as provided below. These management bodies shall plan and coordinate activities affecting design, development and operation. In these management bodies, decision-making by consensus shall be the goal.
2. The United Federation of Planets, acting through Starfleet Command, shall be responsible for the management of its own operations program, including its utilization of Facility 30218-UKRFCB. The United Federation of Planets, acting through Starfleet Command, in accordance with this Agreement, shall also be responsible for: overall Space Station operational management and coordination upon completion, except as otherwise provided in this Article; establishment of overall safety requirements and plans; and overall planning for and coordination of the execution of the overall integrated operation of Facility 30218-UKRFCB.
3. The Ferengi Alliance, acting thru its appointed agencies, shall be responsible for the management of its own operations program, including its utilization of Facility 30218-UKRFCB. The Ferengi Alliance, acting thru its appointed agencies, shall also be responsible for: overall Space Station construction; funding as established in Article 15; overall system engineering integration of all provided elements; execution of overall safety requirements and plans.
4. The Klingon Empire and Romulan Star Empire, acting thru their designated agencies, shall be responsible for its own operations program, including its utilization of Facility 30218-UKRFCB and, consistent with paragraph 2 above, supporting the United Federation of Planets in the performance of its overall responsibilities, including participating in planning for and coordination of the execution of the integrated operation of Facility 30218-UKRFCB.
5. The Bajoran Government, acting thru the Bajoran Militia, shall be responsible for its own operations program, including its utilization of Facility 30218-UKRFCB and, consistent

with paragraph 2 above, supporting the United Federation of Planets in the performance of its overall responsibilities, including participating in planning for and coordination of the execution of the integrated operation of Facility 30218-UKRFCB.

Article 8 Detailed Design and Development

1. In accordance with Article 7 and other relevant provisions of this Agreement, each Allie shall design and develop the elements which it provides and shall interact with the other Allies to reach solutions on design and development of their respective elements.
2. The Secondary Dominion Command & Control Complex F441 (hereafter “Ground Facility 302918A”) shall be considered part of the construction and development of Facility 30218-UKRFCB.
 - a. Construction of Ground Facility 302918A shall be the first priority of construction.
 - b. Ground Facility 302918A infrastructure will be provided by the Government of the Cardassian Union on a lease for a period of no more than one year from occupancy. All modifications made, minus national elements, will become the sole property of the Government of the Cardassian Union after the expiration of said lease without concern to Article 6 of this agreement.
 - c. Ground Facility 302918A will serve as a neutral port for all traffic for the purpose of facilitating the construction of Facility 30218-UKRFCB.

Article 9 Utilization

1. Utilization rights are derived from Allie provision of user elements, infrastructure elements or both. Any Allie that provides Facility 30218-UKRFCB user elements shall retain use of those elements, except as otherwise provided in this Article. Allies which provide resources to operate and use Facility 30218-UKRFCB, which are derived from infrastructure elements, shall receive in exchange a fixed share of the use of certain user elements. Allies specific allocation of Facility 30218-UKRFCB user elements and of resources derived from Facility 30218-UKRFCB infrastructure are set forth in implementing arrangements.
2. The Allies shall have the right to barter or sell any portion of their respective allocations. The terms and conditions of any barter or sale shall be determined on a case-by-case basis by the parties to the transaction.
3. Each Allie may use and select users for its allocations for any purpose consistent with the object of this Agreement and provisions set forth, except that:
 - a. Any proposed use of a user element by a non-Allie or private entity under the jurisdiction of a non-Allie shall require the prior notification to and timely consensus among all Allies;
 - b. The Allie providing an element shall determine whether a contemplated use of that element is for peaceful purposes, except that this subparagraph shall not invoke to prevent any Allie from using resources derived from Facility 30218-UKRFCB infrastructure; and
 - c. Any proposed use of a user element by the Government of the Cardassian Union or representative thereof shall require prior notification to and approval by a majority of the Allies with consensus being preferred.

4. In its use of Facility 30218-UKRFCB, each Allie shall seek through the mechanisms established to avoid causing serious adverse effects on the use of Facility 30218-UKRFCB by the other Allies.
5. Each Allie shall assure access to and use of its Facility 30218-UKRFCB elements to the other Partners in accordance with their respective allocations and subject to paragraph 3 above.
6. For the purposes of this Article, the Government of the Bajora shall be concerned a “non-Partner” in accordance with Article 5(1) with share allocated as such.
7. For the purposes of this Article, the Government of the Cardassian Union shall be concerned a “non-Partner.”

Article 10 Operation

The Allies, acting thru their agencies, shall have responsibilities in the operation and training of the elements they respectively provide in accordance with Article 7 and other relevant provisions of this Agreement. The Allies shall develop and implement procedures for operating Facility 30218-UKRFCB in a manner that is safe, efficient and effective for Facility 30218-UKRFCB user and operators, in accordance with relevant provisions of this Agreement. Further, each Allie shall be responsible for providing material and logistical support for sustaining the functional performance of elements it provides unless surrendered by a consensus decision. Facility 30218-UKRFCB shall be classified as a common open space port for the use of all Allies and non-Partners as appropriate.

Article 11 Crew

1. Each Allie has the right to provide qualified personnel to serve as Facility 30218-UKRFCB crew members. Selections and decisions regarding the assignments of an Allie crew member shall be made in accordance with this Agreement, the management authority of Facility 30218-UKRFCB and implementing arrangements.
2. The Code of Conduct for the Facility 30218-UKRFCB crew will be developed and approved by all Allies in accordance with individual Allie internal procedures, and in accordance with the management authority. An Allie must have approved the Code of Conduct before it provides Facility 30218-UKRFCB crew. Each Allie, in exercising its right to provide crew, shall ensure that its crew members observe the Code of Conduct.
3. In support of Article 7, the Partner States agree that primary operations will be the responsibility of the United Federation of Planets with the senior manager of operations being designated by this State. The Governments of the Klingon Empire and the Romulan Star Empire maintain an option for placement of assistant senior manager of operations for Facility 30218-UKRFCB at their discretion for a period of time to be agreed to by consensus of the Partner States.

Article 12

Transportation

1. Each Allie shall have the right of access to Facility 30218-UKRFCB using its respective government or private sector transportation systems, if they are compatible with Facility 30218-UKRFCB. The United Federation of Planets shall make available launch and return transportation services for Facility 30218-UKRFCB. Initially, the Cardassian Union transportation systems will be used to provide services for construction purposes and, in addition, other transportation systems will be used as those become available.
2. The United Federation of Planets, through Starfleet Command, working with other Allies Cooperating Agencies in management bodies, shall plan and coordinate launch and return transportation services for Facility 30218-UKRFCB as necessary in accordance with the integrated traffic planning process in accordance with previously established agreements.
3. Each Allie shall respect the proprietary rights in and the confidentiality of appropriately marked data and goods to be transported on its transportation system.

Article 13

Communications

1. The United Federation of Planets and Bajoran Government shall provide seven primary data relay stations and ground communication networks for command, control and operations of Facility 30218-UKRFCB elements and payloads, and other Facility 30218-UKRFCB communication purposes. Other Allies may provide data relay satellite system space and ground communication networks, if they are compatible with the Facility 30218-UKRFCB and with the primary networks as designated by the Project Manager or senior operating official. The provision of Facility 30218-UKRFCB shall be in accordance with provisions of interstellar law.
2. On a reimbursable basis, all Allies and their Cooperating Agencies shall use their best efforts to accommodate, with their respective communication systems, specific Facility 30218-UKRFCB-related requirements of one another, consistent with conditions specified within this Agreement.
3. The United Federation of Planets, through Starfleet Command, working with the other Cooperating Agencies in management, shall plan and coordinate space and ground communication services for Facility 30218-UKRFCB in accordance with relevant program documentation.
4. Measures to ensure the confidentiality of utilization data passing through Facility 30218-UKRFCB Optical Data Network and other communication systems being used in connection with Facility 30218-UKRFCB will be implemented, as provided under interstellar law. Each Allie shall respect the proprietary rights in, and the confidentiality of, the utilization data passing through its communication systems, including its ground network and the communication systems of its contractors, when providing communication services to or on behalf of another Allie.

Article 14 Evolution

1. The Allies intend that Facility 30218-UKRFCB shall evolve through the addition of capabilities and shall strive to maximize the likelihood that such evolution will be effected through contributions from all Allies. To this end, it shall be the object of each Allie to provide, where appropriate, the opportunity to the other Allies to cooperate in its proposals for additions of evolutionary capabilities. Facility 30218-UKRFCB together with its additions of evolution capabilities shall remain under ultimate civil authority; its operation and utilization shall be for the peaceful purposes, in accordance with international law; its operation and utilization shall include scientific exploration, and diplomatic assistance; and to assist and provide security and material support of the reconstruction of the Cardassian Union.
2. This Agreement does not commit any Allie to participate in, or otherwise grant any Allie rights in, the addition of evolutionary capability.
3. Procedures for coordination of the Allies respective evolution studies for the review of specific proposals for the addition of evolutionary capabilities shall be developed.
4. Cooperation between or among Allies regarding the sharing of addition(s) of evolutionary capability, including modifications to object and scope, shall require, following in coordination and review provided for in paragraph 3 above, either the amendment of this Agreement, or a separate agreement to which the United Federation of Planets, to ensure that any addition is consistent with the overall program, and any other Allie providing a Facility 30218-UKRFCB element or transportation system on which there is an operational or technical impact, shall be parties.
5. Following the coordination and review provided for in paragraph 3 above, the addition of evolutionary capabilities by one Allie shall require prior notification of the other Allies, and an agreement from the United Federation of Planets to ensure that any addition is consistent with the overall program, and with any other Allie providing Facility 30218-UKRFCB elements or transportation systems on which there is an operational or technical impact.
6. An Allie which may be affected by the addition of evolutionary capability under paragraph 4 or 5 above may request utilization of rights under Articles 22, 23 and 24.
7. Under terms of paragraph 1 and 3 above, if evolution to the operational impact of Facility 30218-UKRFCB fails to meet requirements of Article 1 and Article 23 has not been utilized, this Agreement shall be considered withdrawn by a majority of Partner States by default under terms of Article 24. This paragraph does not seek to override relevant portions of this Agreement, rather to reinforce the need for Facility 30218-UKRFCB cooperation while maintaining control of elements by a Partner State in accordance with Article 6.
8. The addition of evolutionary capability shall in no event modify the rights and obligations of any State under this Agreement under the affected Allie otherwise agrees.

Article 15

Funding

1. Each Allie shall bear the costs of fulfilling its respective responsibilities under this Agreement.
2. Agreed common systems and construction financial obligations shall be the responsibility of the Government of the Ferengi Alliance. Recognizing the importance of Facility 30218-UKRFCB cooperation, the Ferengi Alliance agrees to undertake to make its best efforts to obtain approval for funds to meet these obligations consistent with its funding procedures.
3. In the event that funding problems arise that may affect an Allie's ability to fulfill its responsibilities in Facility 30218-UKRFCB cooperation, that Allie shall notify and consult with other Cooperating Agencies.
4. The Allies shall seek to minimize operational costs for the Facility 30218-UKRFCB, including during design. In particular, the Ferengi Alliance shall develop procedures intended to contain the common system operational costs upon completion and activities within approved estimated levels.

Article 16

Commerce

1. Facility 30218-UKRFCB's design shall include an area for civil commercial investment for the use of crew, visitors and in support of Article 1 but bound by Article 18.
2. Said civil commercial enterprises shall reimburse Partner States for use of said facilities at a rate to be decided by the United Federation of Planets and the Ferengi Alliance not to change more than once per year on a cycle of five years. All collected fees for leasing shall be provided to the Ferengi Alliance, who will develop procedures for their timely collection and processing.
3. A Civil Code of Conduct Supplement will be developed by the Partner States which all civil commercial enterprise owners will agree to prior to taking ownership of leased property.
4. Approval of civil commercial enterprises aboard Facility 30218-UKRFCB shall be made by consensus between the United Federation of Planets and the Ferengi Alliance.
5. The management authority shall do everything within its power to support civil commercial enterprises and not impede commerce except in matters of safety.

Article 17

Liability Convention

1. The Government of the Ferengi Alliance shall remain liable for Facility 30218-UKRFCB and all provided elements until operational control is given in accordance with Articles 9 and 10. Upon conclusion of requirements of Article 4, paragraph 2, subparagraph D, the Ferengi Alliance shall not be liable in the Liability Convention.
2. Except as provided in paragraph 1 above, the Allies shall remain liable in accordance with the Liability Convention.
3. In the event of a claim arising out of the Liability Convention, the Allies shall consult promptly on any potential liability, on any apportionment of such liability, and on the defense of such claim.

4. Regarding the provision of transportation services as provided for in Article 12, the Allies may conclude separate agreements regarding the apportionment of any potential joint of several liability arising out of the Liability Convention.

Article 18 Customs and Immigration

1. Each Allie shall facilitate the movement of persons and goods necessary to implement this Agreement into and out of its territory, subject to its laws and regulations.
2. The Government of the Cardassian Union shall provide, in accordance with specific internal procedures, a neutral avenue for the permanent free movement of persons and goods necessary to implement and maintain this Agreement.
3. Subject to its laws and regulations, each Allie shall facilitate provisions of the appropriate entry and residence documentation for nationals and families of nationals of another Allie who enter or exit or reside within the territory of the first Allie in order to carry out functions necessary for the implementation of this Agreement.
4. Each Allie shall grant permission for duty-free importation and exportation to and from its territory of goods, software and services which are necessary for this Agreement and shall ensure their exemption from any other taxes and duties collected by customs authority. This paragraph shall be implemented without regard to the country of origin of such necessary goods, services of software.

Article 19 Criminal Jurisdiction

In view of the unique and unprecedented nature of this particular cooperation in space:

1. The Bajoran Government, Cardassian Union, Ferengi Alliance, Klingon Empire, Romulan Star Empire and the United Federation of Planets may exercise criminal jurisdiction over personnel in or on any flight element who are respective nationals.
2. In a case involving misconduct on Facility 30218-UKRFCB that: (a) affects the life or safety of a national of another Allie or (b) occurs in or on or causes damage to elements of another Allie, the Allie whose national is the alleged perpetrator shall, at the request of any affected State, consult with such State concerning their respective prosecutorial interests. An affected Allie may, following such consultation, exercise criminal jurisdiction over the alleged perpetrator provided that, within 90 days of the date of such consultation or within such other period as may be mutually agreed, the Allie whose national is the alleged perpetrator either:
 1. concurs in such exercise of criminal jurisdiction, or
 2. fails to provide assurances that it will submit the case to its competent authorities for the purpose of prosecution under terms of interstellar law.
3. If an Allie which makes extradition conditional on the existence of a treaty receives a request for extradition from another Allie with which it has no extradition treaty, it may at its option consider this Agreement the legal basis for extradition in respect of the alleged misconduct. Extradition shall be subject to the procedural provisions and other conditions of the law of the required Allie.
4. Each Allie shall, subject to its national laws and regulations, afford the other Allies assistance in connection with alleged misconduct.

5. The management authority of the station shall provide for internal security and safety, subject to its national laws and regulations.
6. This Article is not intended to limit the authorities and procedures for the maintenance of order and conduct of crew activities in or on Facility 30218-UKRFCB which shall be established in the Code of Conduct pursuant to Article 11, and the Code of Conduct is not intended to limit the application of this Article.

Article 20 Consultations

1. The Allies may consult with each other on any matter arising out of Facility 30218-UKRFCB cooperation. The Allies shall exert their best efforts to settle such matters through consultation between or among their Cooperating Agencies in accordance with procedures provided.
2. Any Allie may request that government-level consultations be held with another Allie on any matter arising out of Facility 30218-UKRFCB. The requested Allie shall accede to such request promptly.
3. Any Allie which intends to proceed with significant element design changes which may have an impact on any other Allie shall notify the other Partners accordingly at the earliest opportunity. A Partner so notified may request that the matter be submitted to consultations in accordance with paragraphs 1 and 2 above.
4. If an issue not resolved through consultation still needs to be resolved, the concerned Allie may submit that issue to an agreed form of dispute in the hopes of a peaceful resolution such as conciliation, mediation or arbitration by a mutually agreed to neutral party.

Article 21 Facility 30218-UKRFCB Cooperation Review

In view of the long-term, complex and evolving character of their cooperation under this Agreement, the Allies shall keep each other informed of developments which might affect this cooperation. Beginning at such time this agreement comes into force as stated in Article 22, the Allies shall establish a timetable to meet to deal with matters involved in their cooperation and to review and promote Facility 30218-UKRFCB cooperation.

Article 22 Entry into Force

1. This Agreement shall remain open for signature by the States listed in the Preamble of this Agreement.
2. This agreement is subject to ratification, acceptance, approval or accession. Ratification, acceptance, approval or accession shall be effected by each State in accordance with its constitutional processes. Instruments of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession shall be deposited with the Government of the Ferengi Alliance, hereby designated as the Depositary.
3. In addition:
 - a. This Agreement shall enter into force on the date on which the last instrument of ratification, acceptance or approval of the Ferengi Alliance, Klingon Empire,

Romulan Star Empire and United Federation of Planets has been deposited. The Depositary shall notify all signatory States of this Agreement's entry into force.

- b. This Agreement shall not enter into force for other states until ratification, acceptance or approval has been deposited.
4. Upon entry into force of this Agreement, Article 20(2) of the Termination of Hostilities Agreement between the Allied Powers and the Government of the Dominion shall cease to be in force.
5. If this Agreement has not entered into force for a Partner within a period of six months after its signature, the Ferengi Alliance may convene a conference of the signatories to this Agreement to consider what steps, including any modifications to this Agreement, are necessary to take account of that circumstance.

Article 23 Amendments

This Agreement may be amended by written agreement of the Governments of the Partner States for which this Agreement has entered into force. Amendments to this Agreement shall be subject to ratification, acceptance, approval or accession by those States in accordance with their respective constitutional processes. Amendments made exclusively to element design shall require only a written agreement of the Governments of the Partner States for which this Agreement has entered into force.

Article 24 Withdrawal

1. Any Allie may withdraw from this Agreement at any time by giving to the Depositary at least one year's prior written notice. Withdrawal by the Government of the Bajora shall not affect the rights and obligations of the United Federation of Planets.
2. Should the Government of the Cardassian Union shall only be allowed to utilize paragraph 1 above after a consensus is reached by the other Partner States.
3. In addition:
 - a. Because the United Federation of Planet's contribution is an essential part of Facility 30218-UKRFCB, upon its withdrawal, the United Federation of Planets shall ensure the effective use and operation by the other Allies of all elements presented. To this end, the United Federation of Planets shall expeditiously provide hardware, drawings, documentation, software, spares, tooling, special test equipment, and/or any other necessary items as requested.
 - b. Upon the United Federation of Planet's notice of withdrawal for any reason, the Allies shall negotiate with the United Federation of Planets a withdrawal agreement. Assuming that such agreement provides for the transfer to another Partner State those elements required for the continuation of the overall program, it shall also provide for adequate compensation for such transfer.
4. If an Allie gives notice of withdrawal from this Agreement, its Cooperating Agency shall still be liable for elemental obligations with construction as deemed by the Project Manager unless released otherwise.
5. A withdrawal by a majority of Partner States shall automatically void Article 6(1) of this agreement unless stipulated as part of States' written withdrawal notice. Ownership of Facility 30218-UKRFCB and all elemental support as defined within this Article shall be transferred to the Depositary for their object and scope as designated by local law.

6. Withdrawal by any Partner State shall not affect that Partner State's continuing rights and obligations under Articles 17 and 18, unless otherwise agreed in a withdrawal agreement pursuant to paragraph 2 or 3 above.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the undersigned, being duly authorized thereto by their respective Governments, have signed this Agreement.

DONE in the City of Culat, Cardassia Prime, this year 2376.