The undersigned Cardinal Secretary of State hereby declares the ratification on the part of the Holy See of the Agreement on the Establishment of the International Network of Centres for Relativistic Astrophysics, entitled ICRANET, signed on March 19, 2003, by Father George V. Coyne, S.J., Director of the Vatican Observatory, on behalf of the Holy See.

By means of the present, the undersigned Cardinal Secretary of State has the honour to delegate Father George V. Coyne, S.J., as representative of the Holy See to the Steering Committee of ICRANET.

In witness whereof the undersigned Cardinal Secretary of State has signed the present act and affixed thereto his seal.

From the Vatican, July 17, 2003

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Secretary of State