

Approval of the federal targeted programme Development of Spaceports for the Period 2017-2025 to Support the Space Activities of the Russian Federation

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Reference

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The foundations of the Russian Federation's space policy to 2030 and beyond, approved by the Russian President on 19 April 2013, identify the key goals and priorities in this area. Among them are guaranteeing Russia's access to space from its territory, contributing to the economic progress of the country by setting up and maintaining the necessary fleet of orbital space apparatuses, launch facilities, and ground-based space infrastructure to ensure the necessary quantity and quality of services in the interests of socioeconomic development and sustaining Russia's leading position in manned space flight. To achieve that, the launch capabilities of Plesetsk and Vostochny spaceports need to be increased by creating new and upgrading existing ground-based space infrastructure.

The signed Resolution approves the federal targeted programme Development of Spaceports for the Period 2017-2025 to Support the Space Activities of the Russian Federation, hereinafter referred to as the Programme.

The Programme is designed to support state policy in the sphere of space activities by establishing fully functional ground-based space infrastructure to launch all types of domestic and prospective carrier rockets, as well as space apparatuses in the interests of socioeconomic development, research, national defence and security, and the implementation of international and commercial projects.

The Programme envisages, among other things:

- creating the research and technological capacity for prospective space complexes and systems, including the design of ground-based space infrastructure for rocket complexes of medium and super heavy classes currently being designed, a new generation piloted cargo ship, and technical preparations for space apparatuses based on transport and energy modules;

- establishing a heavy-class rocket complex for launching space apparatuses at the Vostochny cosmodrome, including those with dual purposes;
- upgrading technical facilities currently in use and creating new infrastructure facilities at the Plesetsk cosmodrome;
- building residential facilities with the necessary social and utilities infrastructure in the cities of Tsiolkovsky, Amur Region, and Mirny, Arkhangelsk Region.

The state contractor and coordinator of the Programme shall be Roscosmos State Corporation. The state customers of the Programme shall be Roscosmos State Corporation, the Ministry of Construction, the Ministry of Defence and the Federal Medical and Biological Agency of Russia.

The document was considered and approved at the meeting of the Russian Government on 13 September 2017.