

Russia approves the draft protocol to the Convention concerning the Construction and Operation of a European X-Ray Free-Electron Laser Facility

The draft protocol concerns Britain's joining the Convention concerning the Construction and Operation of a European X-Ray Free-Electrons Laser Facility

Reference

Submitted by the Russian Ministry of Science and Higher Education.

With the signed directive, Russia approves the draft protocol to the Convention concerning the Construction and Operation of a European X-Ray Free-Electrons Laser Facility as regards the joining of the Government of the United Kingdom and Northern Ireland (hereinafter referred to as the Protocol, the Convention, the Facility and Britain).

The Convention was signed by the Russian Federation in accordance with the Russian Government's Directive No. 2025-r of July 23, 2009.

The Facility was built in Hamburg, Germany under the framework of the international project of 12 states on research in solid state physics, geophysics, chemistry, material engineering, medicine and structural microbiology.

According to the Convention, any country may join the programme with the consent of the participating states on the agreed upon terms that are fixed in the relevant agreement between them and the government of the country that applies.

Britain took part in the construction and operation of the installation as an associate member.

The draft Protocol to the Convention provides for the expansion of the number of participating states if Britain joins as a full member.

With this directive, the Government of the Russian Federation approves this draft Protocol to the Convention.