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**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
and
UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS**

**Agreement on co-operation in the fields of science and
technology. Signed at Moscow on 24 May 1972**

Authentic texts: English and Russian.

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**ÉTATS-UNIS D'AMÉRIQUE
et
UNION DES RÉPUBLIQUES SOCIALISTES
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**Accord relatif à la coopération scientifique et technique.
Signé à Moscou le 24 mai 1972**

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AGREEMENT¹ BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS ON COOPERATION IN THE FIELDS OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

The Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics;

Recognizing that benefits can accrue to both countries from the development of cooperation in the fields of science and technology;

Wishing to assist in establishing closer and more regular cooperation between scientific and technical organizations of both countries;

Taking into consideration that such cooperation will serve to strengthen friendly relations between both countries;

In accordance with the Agreement between the United States of America and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics on Exchanges and Cooperation in Scientific, Technical, Educational, Cultural, and Other Fields, signed April 11, 1972,² and in order to develop further the mutually beneficial cooperation between the two countries;

Have agreed as follows :

Article 1. Both Parties pledge themselves to assist and develop scientific and technical cooperation between both countries on the basis of mutual benefit, equality and reciprocity.

Article 2. The main objective of this cooperation is to provide broad opportunities for both Parties to combine the efforts of their scientists and specialists in working on major problems, whose solution will promote the progress of science and technology for the benefit of both countries and of mankind.

Article 3. The forms of cooperation in science and technology may include the following :

- a. Exchange of scientists and specialists;
- b. Exchange of scientific and technical information and documentation;
- c. Joint development and implementation of programs and projects in the fields of basic and applied sciences;
- d. Joint research, development and testing, and exchange of research results and experience between scientific research institutions and organizations;
- e. Organization of joint courses, conferences and symposia;
- f. Rendering of help, as appropriate, on both sides in establishing contacts and arrangements between United States firms and Soviet enterprises where a mutual interest develops; and

¹ Came into force on 24 May 1972 by signature, in accordance with article 8(1).

² See p. 105 of this volume.

g. Other forms of scientific and technical cooperation as may be mutually agreed.

Article 4. 1. Pursuant to the aims of this Agreement, both Parties will, as appropriate, encourage and facilitate the establishment and development of direct contacts and cooperation between agencies, organizations and firms of both countries and the conclusion, as appropriate, of implementing agreements for particular cooperative activities engaged in under this Agreement.

2. Such agreements between agencies, organizations and enterprises will be concluded in accordance with the laws of both countries. Such agreements may cover the subjects of cooperation, organizations engaged in the implementation of projects and programs, the procedures which should be followed, and any other appropriate details.

Article 5. Unless otherwise provided in an implementing agreement, each Party or participating agency, organization or enterprise shall bear the costs of its participation and that of its personnel in cooperative activities engaged in under this Agreement, in accordance with existing laws in both countries.

Article 6. Nothing in this Agreement shall be interpreted to prejudice other agreements in the fields of science and technology concluded between the Parties.

Article 7. 1. For the implementation of this Agreement there shall be established a U.S.-U.S.S.R. Joint Commission on Scientific and Technical Cooperation. Meetings will be convened not less than once a year in Washington and Moscow, alternately.

2. The Commission shall consider proposals for the development of cooperation in specific areas; prepare suggestions and recommendations, as appropriate, for the two Parties; develop and approve measures and programs for implementation of this Agreement; designate, as appropriate, the agencies, organizations or enterprises responsible for carrying out cooperative activities; and seek to assure their proper implementation.

3. The Executive Agent, which will be responsible for assuring the carrying out on its side of the Agreement, shall be, for the United States of America, the Office of Science and Technology in the Executive Office of the President and, for the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, the State Committee of the U.S.S.R. Council of Ministers for Science and Technology. The Joint Commission will consist of United States and Soviet delegations established on an equal basis of which the chairmen and members are to be designated by the respective Executive Agents with approval by the respective parties. Regulations regarding the operation of the Commission shall be agreed by the chairmen.

4. To carry out its functions the Commission may create temporary or permanent joint subcommittees, councils or working groups.

5. During the period between meetings of the Commission additions or amendments may be made to already approved cooperative activities, as may be mutually agreed.

Article 8. 1. This Agreement shall enter into force upon signature and shall remain in force for five years. It may be modified or extended by mutual agreement of the Parties.

2. The termination of this Agreement shall not affect the validity of agreements made hereunder between agencies, organizations and enterprises of both countries.

DONE at Moscow this 24 day of May, 1972, in duplicate, in the English and Russian languages, both equally authentic.

For the Government
of the United States of America :

[Signed — Signé]¹

Secretary of State

For the Government
of the Union of Soviet Socialist
Republics :

[Signed — Signé]²

Chairman of the State Committee of the
Council of Ministers of the USSR
on Science and Technology

¹ Signed by William P. Rogers — Signé par William P. Rogers.

² Signed by V. A. Kirillin — Signé par V. A. Kirilline.