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

**Agreement on cooperation in studies of the World Ocean.
Signed at Washington on 19 June 1973**

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**ÉTATS-UNIS D'AMÉRIQUE
et
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**Accord de coopération en matière de recherche océano-
graphique. Signé à Washington le 19 juin 1973**

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Enregistré par les États-Unis d'Amérique le 12 février 1974.

AGREEMENT¹ BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS ON COOPERATION IN STUDIES OF THE WORLD OCEAN

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

Recognizing the importance of comprehensive studies of the World Ocean for peaceful purposes and for the well-being of mankind;

Striving for more complete knowledge and rational utilization of the World Ocean by all nations through broad international cooperation in oceanographic investigation and research;

Aware of the capabilities and resources of both countries for studies of the World Ocean and the extensive history and successful results of previous cooperation between them;

Desiring to combine their efforts in the further investigation of the World Ocean and to use the results for the benefit of the peoples of both countries and of all mankind; and

In pursuance and further development of the Agreement 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 of May 24, 1972,² and in accordance with the Agreement on exchanges and cooperation in scientific, technical, educational, cultural and other fields of April 11, 1972,³ and in accordance with the Agreement on cooperation in the field of environmental protection of May 23, 1972;⁴

Have agreed as follows:

Article 1. The Parties will develop and carry out cooperation in studies of the World Ocean on the basis of equality, reciprocity and mutual benefit.

Article 2. In their studies of the World Ocean, the Parties will direct cooperative efforts to the investigation and solution of important basic and applied research problems. Initially, cooperation will be implemented in the following areas:

- a. Large-scale ocean-atmosphere interaction, including laboratory studies, oceanic experiments, and mathematical modeling of the ocean-atmosphere system.
- b. Ocean currents of planetary scale and other questions of ocean dynamics.
- c. Geochemistry and marine chemistry of the World Ocean.
- d. Geological and geophysical investigations of the World Ocean, including deep sea drilling for scientific purposes.
- e. Biological productivity of the World Ocean and the biochemistry of the functioning of individual organisms and whole biological communities in the World Ocean.

¹ Came into force on 19 June 1973 by signature, in accordance with article 8 (1).

² United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 852, p. 141.

³ *Ibid.*, p. 105.

⁴ *Ibid.*, vol. 846, p. 105.

- f. Intercalibration and standardization of oceanographic instrumentation and methods.

Other areas of cooperation may be added by mutual agreement.

Article 3. Cooperation provided for in the preceding articles may take the following forms:

- a. Joint planning, development, and implementation of research projects and programs;
- b. Exchange of scientists, specialists, and advanced students;
- c. Exchange of scientific and technical information, documentation, and experience, including the results of national oceanographic studies;
- d. Convening of joint conferences, meetings, and seminars of specialists;
- e. Appropriate participation by both countries in multilateral cooperative activities sponsored by international scientific organizations;
- f. Facilitation by both Parties, in accordance with laws, rules and regulations of each country and relevant bilateral agreements, of use of appropriate port facilities of the two countries for ships' services and supplies, including provision for rest and changes of ships' personnel, in connection with carrying out cooperative activities.

Other forms of cooperation may be added by mutual agreement.

Article 4. In furtherance of the aims of this Agreement, the Parties will, as appropriate, encourage, facilitate and monitor the development of cooperation and direct contacts between agencies, organizations and firms of the two countries, including the conclusion, as appropriate, of implementing agreements for carrying out specific projects and programs under this Agreement.

Article 5. 1. For implementation of this agreement, there shall be established a US-USSR Joint Committee on Cooperation in World Ocean Studies. This Joint Committee shall meet, as a rule, once a year, alternately in the United States and the Soviet Union, unless otherwise mutually agreed.

2. The Joint Committee shall take such action as is necessary for effective implementation of this Agreement including, but not limited to, approval of specific projects and programs of cooperation; designation of appropriate agencies and organizations to be responsible for carrying out cooperative activities; and making recommendations, as appropriate, to the Parties.

3. Each Party shall designate its Executive Agent which will be responsible for carrying out this Agreement. During the period between meetings of the Joint Committee, the Executive Agents shall maintain contact with each other and coordinate and supervise the development and implementation of cooperative activities conducted under this Agreement.

Article 6. Nothing in this Agreement shall be interpreted to prejudice other agreements between the Parties or commitments of either Party to other international oceanographic programs.

Article 7. Each Party, with the consent of the other Party, may invite third countries to participate in cooperative activities engaged in under this Agreement.

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

2. The termination of the Agreement shall not affect the validity of implement-

ing agreements concluded under this Agreement between interested agencies, organizations and firms of the two countries.

DONE at Washington, this 19th day of June, 1973, in duplicate, in the English and Russian languages, both texts being equally authentic.

For the Government
of the United States of America:

For the Government
of the Union of Soviet
Socialist Republics:

[Signed — Signé]¹

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

² Signed by A. Gromyko — Signé par A. Gromyko.