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AGREEMENT¹ BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF AUSTRALIA AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS ON SCIENTIFIC-TECHNICAL CO- OPERATION

The Government of Australia and the Government of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics,

Expressing satisfaction with relations established in the sphere of science and technology between various organizations of both countries,

Taking into consideration the co-operation of both countries in international scientific programs,

Desirous of facilitating further growth of scientific-technological co-operation and exchanges between government scientific, technical and industrial research organizations of both countries,

Convinced that the implementation of such co-operation will contribute to the development of mutual understanding between the Australian and Soviet peoples and the strengthening of good relations between the two countries,

Have agreed on the following:

Article I. The Government of Australia and the Government of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics will facilitate the development of scientific-technical co-operation between government research organizations of both countries on the basis of mutual benefit and reciprocity.

Article II. With the consent of both Governments, such co-operation may be implemented in the following forms:

- (a) the exchange of visits of scientists, technical specialists and delegations with the aim of carrying out scientific research or for familiarization with the scientific-technical achievements in each country;
- (b) the organization of bilateral conferences and symposia on current problems in the development of science and technology;
- (c) the exchange of scientific-technical information and documentation;
- (d) the pursuit of joint research activities and any other joint activities for the furtherance of scientific and technical co-operation;
- (e) other forms of co-operation, which will be mutually agreed upon.

Article III. In the spirit of the Agreement, both Governments will facilitate the establishment of direct contacts and co-operation between scientific and technical organizations of both countries and the conclusion where necessary of separate implementing arrangements.

Such implementing arrangements will be concluded in accordance with the laws of both countries.

¹ Came into force on 15 January 1975 by signature, in accordance with article VIII.

Article IV. 1. Both Governments will, as far as possible, seek to create favourable conditions for the carrying out of visits and of exchanges of scientific and technical specialists within the framework of the Agreement. Such visits and exchanges will be implemented on the basis of reciprocity in accordance with the laws of each country.

2. Programs, itineraries of trips, times and dates of arrival, and other details of such visits and exchanges will be agreed upon in advance, in principle no less than 30 days beforehand.

3. Expenses connected with the implementation of visits will be paid by the Government of the sending country unless some alternative arrangement is agreed by the organizations concerned on other bases of funding. Supplementary financial arrangements will be determined where necessary for the support of other forms of co-operation.

Article V. The present Agreement does not preclude visits and exchanges, outside the scope of the Agreement. The Government of one country shall inform the other, by diplomatic channels, of such visits and exchanges with the aim of rendering necessary assistance in their organization.

Article VI. Subject to consultation between the two Governments scientific information, obtained as a result of joint scientific research, carried out within the framework of the Agreement, may be passed to international scientific organizations.

Article VII. Wherever necessary, representatives designated by the respective Governments will meet to discuss areas and specific programs of scientific-technical co-operation, stages in the implementation of agreed measures and also other questions relating to the present Agreement.

Article VIII. The present Agreement shall enter into force on the date of signature.

The present Agreement shall remain in force initially for four years, and thereafter shall remain in force until such time as either Government has received the written notification of the Government of the other side of its intention to terminate the Agreement, in such case the Agreement will cease to have effect 180 days after the receipt of such notification.

DONE at Moscow this fifteenth day of January one thousand nine hundred and seventy-five in two copies each in the English and Russian languages, both texts being equally authentic.

For the Government
of Australia:

[Signed — Signé]¹

For the Government
of the Union of Soviet Socialist
Republics:

[Signed — Signé]²

¹ Signed by E. G. Whitlam — Signé par E. G. Whitlam.

² Signed by A. Kosygin — Signé Par A. Kossyguine.