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

**Agreement on co-operation in artificial heart research and
development. Signed at Moscow on 28 June 1974**

Authentic texts: English and Russian.

Registered by the United States of America on 17 March 1975.

**ÉTATS-UNIS D'AMÉRIQUE
et
UNION DES RÉPUBLIQUES SOCIALISTES
SOVIÉTIQUES**

**Accord relatif à la coopération pour les recherches sur le
cœur artificiel et sa mise au point. Signé à Moscou
le 28 juin 1974**

Textes authentiques : anglais et russe.

Enregistré par les États-Unis d'Amérique le 17 mars 1975.

AGREEMENT¹ BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND THE UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS ON COOPERATION IN ARTIFICIAL HEART RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT

The United States of America and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics;
Reaffirming the importance that medical science has for mankind today;

Realizing the advisability of further uniting the efforts of both countries in resolving the pressing problems of medical science;

Recognizing the great importance of scientific research and the study of heart disease, which is one of the leading causes of mortality in both their countries as well as throughout the world;

Desiring to expand and strengthen common efforts to promote the development of an artificial heart;

Realizing that the development of an effective artificial heart could eventually lead to a reduction in mortality;

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 Field of Medical Science and Public Health, signed May 23, 1972;²

In accordance with the General Agreement between the United States of America and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics on Contacts, Exchanges and Cooperation, signed June 19, 1973;³

Have agreed as follows:

Article I. Both parties undertake to develop and extend scientific and technical cooperation in artificial heart research and development on the basis of equality, reciprocity and mutual benefit.

Article II. The cooperation will be concentrated in the areas of research on, and joint development and testing of devices, materials, instruments and control mechanisms which will provide cardiovascular support including total heart replacement.

Article III. The cooperation provided for in the preceding Articles may be implemented principally in the following ways:

- (a) exchange of scientific and technical information;
- (b) organization of joint conferences, workshops and meetings of experts;
- (c) exchanges of specialists and delegations;
- (d) preparation of joint publications and technical manuals; and
- (e) familiarization with and exchange of technical aids and equipment.

¹ Came into force on 28 June 1974 by signature, in accordance with article VII.

² United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 846, p. 95.

³ *Ibid.*, vol. 938, p. 81.

In the course of implementing this Agreement, other forms of cooperation may also be determined by mutual agreement.

Article IV. The parties will delegate practical implementation of this Agreement to the US-USSR Joint Committee for Health Cooperation. The Committee shall approve the programs of cooperation, designate the participating organizations responsible for the realization of these programs, and periodically review the progress of the cooperation.

Article V. Cooperation shall be financed on the basis of reciprocal agreements worked out by the Joint Committee, using the resources of the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare of the United States of America and the Ministry of Health of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, as well as the resources of those organizations and institutions taking part in the cooperation.

Article VI. Such cooperation will be carried out in accordance with the laws and regulations of the respective countries.

Nothing in this Agreement shall be construed to prejudice or modify other agreements concluded between the two parties.

Article VII. This Agreement shall enter into force upon signature and shall remain in force for three years after which it will be extended for successive five year periods unless one party notifies the other of its intent to terminate this agreement not less than six months prior to its expiration.

This Agreement may be modified by mutual agreement of the parties.

DONE at Moscow on June 28, 1974, in duplicate, in the English and Russian languages, both texts being equally authentic.

For the United States of America:

[Signed — Signé]¹

Secretary of State

For the Union of Soviet
Socialist Republics:

[Signed — Signé]²

Minister of Foreign Affairs

¹ Signed by Henry A. Kissinger — Signé par Henry A. Kissinger.

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