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

**Agreement on co-operation in the field of housing and other
construction. 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 en matière de construction
de logements et autres constructions. 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 THE FIELD OF HOUSING AND OTHER CONSTRUCTION

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

Desiring to develop cooperation in the field of housing and other construction;

Realizing that a more effective application of new and traditional building materials and techniques can contribute to more rational utilization of the resources available to both countries;

Desiring to exchange information and techniques in the field of housing and other construction;

Believing that cooperation in the field of housing and other construction offers benefits for both the United States of America and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics;

Convinced that such cooperation will serve to contribute to the improvement of relations between the two countries;

Noting cooperation already being implemented in these areas under existing agreements, and 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;²

Have agreed as follows:

Article I. The Parties will develop and carry out cooperation in the field of housing and other construction on the basis of mutual benefit, equality and reciprocity.

Article II. This cooperation will be directed to the investigation and solution of specific problems of mutual interest in the field of housing and other construction.

Initially, cooperation will be implemented in the following areas:

- (a) innovative techniques for the improvement of life safety, reliability, quality, and economy of buildings and building materials including: organization and management of construction, new methods and materials, and the improved use of traditional methods and materials;
- (b) performance criteria for housing and other construction in seismic areas with special consideration of the impact of geophysical conditions;
- (c) improvement of construction methods in areas of extreme climatic conditions, such as cold and arid regions, including techniques for erection and finishing of buildings under sustained freezing, and foundation construction under unusual soil conditions;

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

² United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 938, p. 81.

- (d) services to housing and other buildings, including water supply, waste disposal, heating, lighting, and ventilation, with special reference to combined utility functions; and
- (e) planning, design, and construction of new towns.

Other areas of cooperation may be added by mutual agreement.

Article III. Cooperation pursuant to this Agreement may be implemented by the following means:

- (a) exchange of experts, advanced students and delegations;
- (b) exchange of scientific and technical information and documentation;
- (c) conducting joint conferences, meetings and seminars;
- (d) joint development and implementation of research programs and projects; and
- (e) other forms of cooperation which may be mutually agreed upon.

Such cooperation shall be conducted in accordance with the constitution and applicable laws and regulations of the respective countries.

Article IV. 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 V. 1. For the implementation of this Agreement, there shall be established a US-USSR Joint Committee on Cooperation in Housing and Other Construction. This 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 the effective implementation of this Agreement, including, but not limited to, approval of specific projects and programs of cooperation, designation of appropriate agencies, organizations, and joint working groups 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 coordinating and carrying out this Agreement, and, as appropriate, in their respective countries, shall assure the cooperation of other participating institutions and organizations. During the period between meetings of the Joint Committee, the Executive Agents will maintain contact with each other and will coordinate and supervise the development and implementation of cooperative activities conducted under this Agreement.

4. Unless an implementing agreement contains other provisions, each Party or participating institution, organization or firm shall bear the costs of its participation and that of its personnel in cooperative activities engaged in under this Agreement.

Article VI. Nothing in this Agreement shall be interpreted to prejudice other agreements between the Parties or their respective rights and obligations under such other agreements.

Article VII. 1. This Agreement shall enter into force upon signature and remain in force for five years. It will be automatically extended for successive five year periods unless either party notifies the other of its intent to terminate this Agreement not later than six months prior to the expiration of this Agreement.

2. This Agreement may be modified at any time by mutual agreement of the Parties.

3. The termination of this Agreement shall not affect the validity of implementing agreements concluded under this Agreement between interested agencies, organizations and firms of the two countries.

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

President
of the United States of America

For the Union of Soviet
Socialist Republics:

[Signed — Signé]²

Chairman
of the Council of Ministers
of the USSR

¹ Signed by Richard Nixon — Signé par Richard Nixon.

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