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**FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY  
and  
AUSTRALIA**

**Agreement on scientific and technological co-operation.  
Signed at Canberra on 24 August 1976**

*Authentic texts: German and English.*

*Registered by the Federal Republic of Germany on 1 February 1978.*

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**RÉPUBLIQUE FÉDÉRALE D'ALLEMAGNE  
et  
AUSTRALIE**

**Accord concernant la coopération scientifique et technique.  
Signé à Canberra le 24 août 1976**

*Textes authentiques : allemand et anglais.*

*Enregistré par la République fédérale d'Allemagne le 1<sup>er</sup> février 1978.*

## AGREEMENT<sup>1</sup> BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY AND THE GOVERNMENT OF AUSTRALIA ON SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL COOPERATION

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The Government of the Federal Republic of Germany and the Government of Australia (hereinafter referred to as the Contracting Parties),

Desiring to strengthen the close and friendly relations existing between their two countries,

Considering their mutual interest in promoting all aspects of scientific and technological cooperation between both countries for peaceful purposes and for their mutual benefit,

Wishing to cooperate by providing additional opportunities to exchange ideas, skills, and techniques, and by collaborating on problems of mutual interest,

Recognising the beneficial effects that such cooperation can have on the quality of life and economic well-being of the peoples of their respective countries,

Have agreed as follows:

*Article 1.* The Contracting Parties shall facilitate and encourage scientific and technological cooperation for peaceful purposes between civilian agencies and organisations in the public and private sectors of each country.

*Article 2.* (1) The Contracting Parties shall together determine areas in which scientific and technological cooperation should take place and the ways and means of promoting and implementing such cooperation.

(2) The Contracting Parties may designate cooperating agencies for the purpose of implementing particular cooperative programs and projects within the areas determined in accordance with paragraph 1 of this Article.

(3) The Contracting Parties, or the appropriate cooperating agencies as the case may be, may conclude separate implementing arrangements specifying the terms and conditions of particular cooperative programs or projects, the procedures to be followed, financial arrangements and other appropriate matters.

*Article 3.* The Contracting Parties shall, from time to time, consult together for the purpose of reviewing the implementation of this Agreement.

*Article 4.* Each Contracting Party, or designated cooperating agency under a separate implementing arrangement, shall bear, in accordance with its appropriate financial and budgetary processes and subject to the availability of funds, the costs of discharging its responsibilities under cooperative programs or projects unless other arrangements are made. Unless otherwise determined by the two Contracting Parties, or designated cooperating agencies, the cost of visits and exchanges shall be borne by the sending Contracting Party or designated cooperating agency.

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<sup>1</sup> Came into force on 25 October 1976, the date on which the Contracting Parties notified each other of the completion of their respective constitutional and other requirements, in accordance with article 12 (1).

*Article 5.* Subject to the approval of both Contracting Parties, civilian agencies and organisations of third countries may participate in particular cooperative programs or projects.

*Article 6.* (1) Exchanges of information in the areas covered by the present Agreement may take place either between the Contracting Parties themselves or between the cooperating agencies designated by them.

(2) Unless the Contracting Parties or cooperating agencies designated by them determine otherwise, scientific information derived from cooperative projects or programs under Article 2 of this Agreement shall be made available to the world's scientific community through customary channels and in accordance with the normal procedures of each Contracting Party or cooperating agency designated by them for the particular activity.

(3) In some circumstances other conditions and procedures for exchanges of information, including limitation or preclusion of transfer to third parties may be agreed by the Contracting Parties or the cooperating agencies. Such other conditions and procedures shall be covered by separate implementing arrangements as provided for in Article 2 (3) of this Agreement.

*Article 7.* The transmittal of information and the supply of materials and equipment under this Agreement or the separate implementing arrangements concluded under Article 2 shall in no way render either Contracting Party liable to the other with regard to the accuracy of the information transmitted or the suitability of the articles supplied for a specific use, unless alternative arrangements have been made.

*Article 8.* Each Contracting Party shall, in accordance with its laws and regulations, facilitate the entry into and stay within its territory of nationals of the other, and their families, to pursue activities within the framework of this Agreement.

*Article 9.* The determination by the Contracting Parties of areas in which scientific and technological cooperation may take place in accordance with Article 2 of this Agreement shall not affect other arrangements existing at the date of signature of this Agreement or concluded thereafter.

*Article 10.* Communications between the Contracting Parties in relation to matters of principle arising under this Agreement shall be made through diplomatic channels. Designated cooperating agencies may communicate directly with each other.

*Article 11.* The present Agreement shall apply to Land Berlin, provided that the Government of the Federal Republic of Germany does not make a contrary declaration to the Government of Australia within three months after the entry into force of this Agreement.

*Article 12.* (1) The present Agreement shall enter into force on the date on which each Contracting Party notifies the other that its respective constitutional and other requirements necessary to give effect to the Agreement have been complied with.

(2) The Agreement shall remain in force initially for five years, and thereafter shall remain in force until such time as either Contracting Party has received written notification from the other Contracting Party of its intention to terminate the Agree-

ment. In such case the Agreement will cease to have effect six months after the receipt of such notification.

(3) In the event of termination of this Agreement, its provisions shall continue to apply in respect of any uncompleted separate implementing arrangements entered into during the period of validity of this Agreement.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned, duly authorised thereto by their respective Governments, have signed this Agreement.

DONE at Canberra on 24 August 1976, in two originals in the English and German languages, both texts being equally authentic.

For the Government  
of the Federal Republic of Germany:

[Signed — Signé]<sup>1</sup>

For the Government  
of Australia:

[Signed — Signé]<sup>2</sup>

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