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**UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN
AND NORTHERN IRELAND
and
CHINA**

**Agreement on scientific and technological co-operation.
Signed at London on 15 November 1978**

Authentic texts: English and Chinese.

*Registered by the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland on
12 October 1979.*

**ROYAUME-UNI DE GRANDE-BRETAGNE
ET D'IRLANDE DU NORD
et
CHINE**

**Accord de coopération scientifique et technique. Signé à
Londres le 15 novembre 1978**

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*Enregistré par le Royaume-Uni de Grande-Bretagne et d'Irlande du Nord le
12 octobre 1979.*

AGREEMENT¹ ON SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL CO-OPERATION BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA

The Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the People's Republic of China, for the purpose of further advancing friendly relations and scientific and technological co-operation between the two countries:

Have agreed as follows:

Article 1. The Contracting Parties shall encourage and develop co-operation in the fields of science and technology between the two countries on the basis of equality and mutual benefit.

Article 2. The Contracting Parties shall, on a reciprocal basis and by appropriate means, promote the following:

- (i) Exchange of visits and study tours by specialised delegations, scientists, scholars, research personnel, specialists and technicians;
- (ii) Exchange of students, post-graduates, advanced scholars and trainees;
- (iii) Organisation of scientific and technological meetings and symposiums of mutual interest;
- (iv) Co-operation in research and development on subjects of mutual interest;
- (v) Exchange of industrial knowledge and technology;
- (vi) Exchange of scientific and technological information and data;
- (vii) Other forms of scientific and technological co-operation upon which the Contracting Parties may agree.

Article 3. 1. The Contracting Parties shall encourage and support the establishment of direct links between their institutions of higher education, research organisations, firms and enterprises and, as may be appropriate, the conclusion of separate agreements or contracts.

2. Subject to their respective laws and regulations, the Contracting Parties or the organisations or representatives designated by them shall decide upon through consultation the specific items and scope of co-operation within the framework of this Agreement, such co-operation to be in mutually agreed fields of fundamental science and applied science and technology set out in protocols to this Agreement or as may be otherwise agreed.

3. The Contracting Parties may entrust their designated organisations or representatives with the task of meeting from time to time to review the implementation of this Agreement and agree on further matters of co-operation. The representatives of other organisations of the two countries related to co-operation may be invited to such meetings when necessary.

¹ Came into force on 15 November 1978 by signature, in accordance with article 6 (1).

4. Each Contracting Party shall entrust its own Embassy or other representatives with maintenance of contact with the organisations designated by the other Party.

Article 4. The financial arrangements involved in the implementation of this Agreement shall be settled separately in the programmes of co-operation to be agreed upon, or in concrete accords and contracts signed by the bodies concerned and subject, where relevant, to the approval of such arrangements by representatives of the Contracting Parties responsible for funding the project in question.

Article 5. In relation to the Government of the United Kingdom, the territory to which this Agreement shall apply shall be Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

Article 6. 1. This Agreement shall enter into force on the date of signature and shall remain in force for a period of five years. If neither of the Contracting Parties gives written notice to the other six months prior to the expiration of this period of its desire to terminate the present Agreement, the Agreement shall be automatically extended for another period of five years and shall thereafter be renewable in the same manner. When this Agreement terminates, the specific items, accords or contracts that have not been fulfilled during the period of its validity shall be continued until their completion.

2. This Agreement may be amended and supplemented at any time as agreed upon between the Contracting Parties.

DONE in duplicate at London on the 15th day of November 1978 in the English and Chinese languages, both texts being equally authoritative.

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

For the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland:

DAVID OWEN

For the Government of the People's Republic of China:

[Signed — Signé]¹

¹ Signed by Wang Chen — Signé par Wang Chen.