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AGREEMENT¹ BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF AUSTRALIA AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA ON COOPERATION IN SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

The Government of Australia and the Government of the People's Republic of China (called the "contracting parties"), desiring to strengthen friendly relations and scientific and technological cooperation between the two countries, have agreed as follows:

Article 1. 1. The contracting parties shall encourage and develop cooperation in the field of science and technology between the two countries on the basis of equality, mutual benefit and reciprocity.

2. Cooperation within the framework of this agreement shall be in mutually acceptable fields of fundamental science and applied science and technology in the two countries in accordance with the capabilities and interest of each contracting party.

Article 2. The contracting parties shall seek to promote the following:

1. Exchange of visits and study tours by specialised delegations, scientists, scholars, research personnel, specialists and technicians;
2. Exchange of students, post graduates, advanced scholars and trainees;
3. Organisation of scientific and technological meetings and symposiums of mutual interests;
4. Cooperation in research and development on subjects of mutual interest;
5. Exchange of scientific and technological information and data;
6. Other forms of scientific and technological cooperation which the contracting parties may jointly arrange.

Article 3. 1. The contracting parties shall encourage and support, within the framework of the Agreement, the establishment of direct links between agencies, institutions of higher education, research organisations, firms and enterprises (called "implementing organisations") of both countries and, as may be appropriate, the conclusion of separate arrangements or contracts.

2. Subject to their respective laws and regulations, the contracting parties or the coordinating agencies designated by each of them (called "coordinating agencies") shall be responsible for deciding upon through consultation the specific areas of cooperation within the framework of this Agreement, and shall consult from time to time at the request of either contracting party for the purpose of reviewing the operation of this Agreement. Each coordinating agency may invite implementing organisations in its country to meetings which may be arranged between the coordinating agencies.

Article 4. 1. The financial arrangements involved in the implementation of this Agreement shall be settled in arrangements between the coordinating agencies in respect of each program of cooperation, or in arrangements or contracts entered into between implementing organisations.

¹ Came into force on 6 May 1980 by signature, in accordance with article 5 (1).

2. The contracting parties or coordinating agencies may jointly decide upon other arrangements necessary for the implementation of this Agreement.

Article 5. 1. The 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 at least six months prior to the expiration of this period of its desire to terminate the present Agreement, the Agreement shall be automatically extended for a period of one year and shall thereafter be renewable in the same manner.

2. This Agreement may be amended and supplemented by agreement between the contracting parties.

3. In the event of termination of this Agreement, all unfulfilled obligations arising from the operation of this Agreement shall be fulfilled in accordance with the provisions thereof.

DONE in duplicate at Canberra on the sixth day of May 1980 in the English and Chinese languages, both texts being equally authoritative.

[Signed — Signé]¹

For the Government
of Australia

[Signed — Signé]²

For the Government
of the People's Republic of China

¹ Signed by Andrew Peacock — Signé par Andrew Peacock.

² Signed by Zhang Wenjin — Signé par Zhang Wenjin.