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PROTOCOL¹ OF COOPERATION ON SPACE SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE ITALIAN REPUBLIC

The Government of the People's Republic of China and the Government of the Italian Republic (hereinafter referred to as "the Parties"), with a view to further develop the scientific and technological cooperation initiated with the Cooperation Agreement signed in Rome on 6 October, 1978, and to give a particular impulse to the cooperation in the space field so as to favour a further extension of the friendly relations existing between the two Countries, have agreed as follows:

Article 1. Each Contracting Party shall, on the basis of reciprocity and of mutual advantage and taking into account its own possibilities and the present mutual interests, promote and facilitate the cooperation in the space field between their respective Countries.

Article 2. Both Parties agree that the initial cooperation areas in space science and technology shall include the following:

1. Remote sensing signal receiving and pre-processing techniques.
2. Processing technique of remote sensing image.
3. Satellite data transmission techniques.
4. Satellite flight dynamics control techniques.
5. Computer aided design of antennas for communication and broadcast satellites.
6. Other techniques.

Article 3. The Contracting Parties, on the basis of reciprocity and of their common agreement, undertake to favour the carrying out of:

1. Exchanges of scientific and technological information and data.
2. Exchanges of visits by delegations composed of scientists, scholars and experts in space matters, as well as students from higher education institutes.
3. Scientific meetings and seminars.
4. Joint research on subjects of common interest.
5. Other forms of scientific and technological cooperation which might be agreed upon by the two Parties.

Article 4. Both Parties agree that the cooperation topics in the field of space science and technology defined in the understandings signed by MOA and CNR/PSN on 8 June, 1983 and with Aerospaziale Research Center of Rome University on 10 June 1983, shall be regarded as the initial cooperative projects, but their cooperation shall not be limited to these projects.

Article 5. The two Parties entrust the Agencies which they shall designate with the task of concluding specific agreements in the space field in order to define the contents and the scope of each single initiative of space cooperation, the responsibilities of said Agencies, the resources required for its implementation, and the procedures for exploiting the knowledge thus acquired and the results of the research.

¹ Came into force on 10 March 1984 by signature, in accordance with article 8.

The financial burdens deriving from space cooperation shall be borne by the designated Agencies, and shall be determined each time within the frame of the specific agreements and in connection with the approval of each space research program and project.

Article 6. The two Parties note with satisfaction the initiatives already in progress, and in particular:

1. The experiments of propagation and telecommunication at very high frequencies through the SIRIO geo-stationary satellite, started in June 1983 and presently under way with full reciprocal satisfaction.
2. The projects of cooperation in the space field, agreed upon in Rome on June 8 and 10, 1983.
3. The visit to China of a high-level Italian delegation made in November 1982, and the numerous visits to Italy of Chinese experts in the space field made during 1983.

Article 7. The Departments responsible for the coordination of the implementation of this protocol shall be, for the Chinese Party, the Foreign Affairs-Bureau of the Ministry of Astronautics of the People's Republic of China, and, for the Italian Party, the Cabinet of the Minister for the coordination of Scientific and Technological Research Initiatives.

Article 8. This protocol shall enter into force on the date of its signature and shall remain into effect for a period of three years.

If neither Contracting Party notifies in writing the other Party, six months before the expiry of said period its intention to terminate this protocol, it shall automatically be renewed for a further period of three years, and so on.

Should this protocol be terminated, the specific agreements not yet completed at that date shall be pursued until completion.

This protocol may be modified or integrated whenever the two Parties so agree.

DONE in duplicate and signed in Rome, on 10 March, 1984, in the Chinese, Italian and English languages, the three texts being equally authoritative.

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

[Signed — Signé]¹

For the Government
of the Italian Republic:

[Signed — Signé]²

¹ Signed by Zhan Jun — Signé par Zhan Jun.

² Signed by Luigi Granelli — Signé par Luigi Granelli.