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**Agreement on co-operation in agriculture. Signed at
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**Accord de coopération dans le domaine agricole. Signé à
Canberra le 20 novembre 1986**

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AGREEMENT¹ BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF AUSTRALIA AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNION OF SOVIET SO- CIALIST REPUBLICS ON CO-OPERATION IN AGRICULTURE

The Government of Australia and the Government of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics (USSR),

Taking into account the significance of food production for the people of both countries and of the world;

Desirous of applying modern knowledge and technology in the field of agricultural production;

Convinced that co-operation in the field of agriculture would facilitate the further development of relations generally between the two countries;

Aiming to develop further the Agreement on Scientific and Technological Co-operation between the Government of Australia and the Government of the USSR concluded in Moscow on 15 January 1975;²

Have agreed as follows:

Article I. The Contracting Parties shall develop and implement co-operation in the field of agriculture on the basis of equality and mutual benefit.

Article II. The Contracting Parties shall promote the development of co-operation in the following main areas:

- (1) Regular exchange of information on actual planted areas, on volumes of production and procurement of major agricultural products in the form of annual totals as well as targets or forecasts of agricultural production for the current year and current five-year period.
- (2) Plant science, plant breeding, nutrition and protection from diseases and pests.
- (3) Animal science, livestock improvement and production, fodder production and veterinary science.
- (4) Soil science.
- (5) Land improvement and reclamation and reclamation engineering.
- (6) Use of agricultural chemicals.
- (7) Processing, storage, transport and preservation of animal and plant products.
- (8) Forestry.
- (9) Agricultural economics.

Other areas of co-operation may be mutually decided upon.

Article III. Co-operation between the Contracting Parties, as outlined in the previous Article, shall take the following forms:

- (1) Exchange of scientists, specialists and trainees.

¹ Came into force on 20 November 1986 by signature, in accordance with article VIII (1).

² United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 975, p. 129.

- (2) Organization of bilateral symposia and conferences.
- (3) Exchange of scientific, technical and economic information and documentary material.
- (4) Exchange of seed samples, plant material, micro-organic cultures and veterinary preparations.
- (5) Joint research and implementation of activities on problems of mutual interest.

Other forms of co-operation may be mutually decided upon.

Article IV. 1. To implement the present Agreement, a joint Australian-Soviet working group on co-operation in agriculture shall be established, which shall work within the framework of the Mixed Commission on Trade and Economic Co-operation. The joint working group shall meet normally once every two years, alternately in Australia and the USSR, if not otherwise agreed.

2. The joint working group shall review and approve specific projects and programs of co-operation, establish the order of their implementation, and determine the institutions and organisations responsible for the implementation of joint measures of co-operation.

3. The Executive Bodies for the co-ordination and implementation of the present Agreement are: for the Government of Australia — the Department of Primary Industry, and for the Government of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics — the State Agro-Industrial Committee of the USSR.

4. The Executive Bodies shall facilitate, in their respective countries, and to the extent that their powers and functions permit, the co-operation of other institutions and organisations in the implementation of co-operation under the present Agreement.

5. In the period between the meetings of the joint working group, the Executive Bodies shall maintain contact with each other, co-ordinate and supervise co-operation undertaken in accordance with the present Agreement.

Article V. 1. The Contracting Parties shall, for the purposes of the present Agreement and to the extent that their functions permit, promote, facilitate and direct the development of co-operation between appropriate organisations of the two countries, including the conclusion of working arrangements and commercial agreements of a contractual nature relating to the implementation of specific projects and activities in accordance with the present Agreement. The financial and legal conditions of implementation of such working arrangements and commercial agreements of a contractual nature shall be considered and agreed to in each specific case.

2. Co-operation under the present Agreement shall be carried out in accordance with the laws and regulations in force in each country.

Article VI. The costs of participation by the Contracting Parties in co-operative activities carried out under the present Agreement shall be borne as follows:

- (1) The exchange of scientists and specialists shall normally be organized on the basis that travel from one country to the other is paid for by the sending side, and the costs of accommodation, board and travel in the country are met by the receiving side.

- (2) The receiving side shall, as necessary, provide interpreters for scientists and other delegates of the sending side.
- (3) The exchange of scientific and technical information, seed samples, plant material, micro-organic cultures and veterinary preparations, shall take place on a non-commercial basis.

Article VII. Nothing in the present Agreement shall be construed as being contrary to or amending any agreements in force between the Contracting Parties.

Article VIII. 1. The present Agreement shall enter into force from the date of its signature, shall remain in force for an initial period of five years, and shall be considered valid unless the Government of either Party receives written notice from the other Party of its intention to terminate the Agreement. In this case the Agreement shall be terminated six months from the receipt of such notice.

2. The present Agreement may be amended by mutual agreement of the Parties.

3. The present Agreement may be supplemented by mutual arrangement of the Parties.

4. The termination of the present Agreement shall not affect the validity of the working arrangements concluded in accordance with the present Agreement between institutions, organisations and firms of both countries.

DONE at Canberra on 20th November 1986 in duplicate, in the English and Russian languages, each text being equally authentic.

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