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AGREEMENT¹ BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF AUSTRALIA AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF INDIA ON CO-OPERATION IN THE FIELDS OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

The Government of Australia and the Government of the Republic of India,
Recognising that both countries have well developed and productive research
infrastructures;

Recognising the key roles that science and technology play in national
economic and social development;

Convinced of the utility of enhanced scientific and technological co-operation
between the two countries; and

Desirous of promoting scientific and technological co-operation,

Have agreed as follows:

Article I. 1. The Government of Australia and the Government of the Republic of India shall continue to promote co-operation between the two countries in the fields of civil scientific and technological research and development, especially those relevant to economic and social development.

2. In particular, each Government shall, through its executing authority, encourage direct links between specific research institutions.

Article II. 1. Such co-operation may be implemented in forms such as:

- (a) The exchange of scientific and technical information and documentation;
- (b) The exchange of scientists and other personnel engaged in scientific and technological research and development;
- (c) The pursuit of joint activities such as seminars and workshops; and
- (d) The pursuit of joint research and development projects.

2. For the purposes of this Agreement:

(a) The “executing authorities” shall mean, in the case of Australia, the Department of Science and, in the case of the Republic of India, the Department of Science and Technology, or such other authority as the Government concerned nominates; and

(b) “Co-operating agencies” shall mean scientific institutions in both countries that establish specific co-operative activities under this Agreement.

3. For the purpose of execution of this Agreement, detailed proposals for co-operation in specific fields shall be formulated jointly by relevant co-operating agencies of both countries. These co-operating agencies may conclude separate implementing arrangements.

Article III. 1. Expenses connected with the implementation of visits under Article II shall be paid by the Government of the sending country unless some alternative joint arrangement is made.

¹ Came into force on 15 October 1986 by signature, in accordance with article X (2).

2. Financial arrangements for the support of other forms of co-operation under Article II may be jointly determined by the executing authorities or relevant co-operating agencies in both the countries.

3. Both the Governments shall endeavour to arrange funding of co-operative activities under this Agreement. As far as possible the funds so provided shall be in the currency of their respective country.

Article IV. Both Governments may, for the purposes of furthering exchange and collaboration between the two countries, identify mutually acceptable priority areas of scientific and technological research and development. Such areas may be reviewed as required and amended by mutual consent.

Article V. The two Governments shall, subject to Article VIII, ensure that goods of a scientific nature which are imported or exported in pursuance of this Agreement or in implementing arrangements concluded under Article II, are exempted from customs duties and other charges levied in respect of importation or exportation.

Article VI. 1. Subject to consultation between the two Governments, scientific information obtained as a result of joint scientific research carried out within the framework of this Agreement, shall be made available to the world's scientific community.

2. The two Governments shall endeavour to ensure an equitable apportionment of intellectual property rights arising from co-operative activities under this Agreement.

Article VII. This Agreement shall not preclude other scientific and technological co-operation between the two countries.

Article VIII. This Agreement and arrangements for co-operation made under it shall be implemented in accordance with the laws and regulations of each country.

Article IX. In order to facilitate the implementation of this Agreement and to review the arrangements made under it, scientific representatives of the two Governments shall meet from time to time as mutually arranged.

Article X. 1. Upon its entry into force this Agreement shall terminate the Agreement between the two Governments on Cooperation in the Fields of Science and Technology, signed in New Delhi on 26 February 1975.¹

2. This Agreement shall enter into force upon signature and shall remain in force for a period of five years. Thereafter it shall remain in force until either Government notifies the other in writing through the diplomatic channel of its intention to terminate this Agreement, in which case this Agreement shall cease to have effect 12 months after the receipt of such notification.

3. This Agreement may be amended by agreement of the two Governments.

4. The termination of this Agreement shall not affect the validity or duration of any implementing arrangements made under it.

¹ United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 975, p. 147, and p. 360 of this volume.

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

DONE in duplicate at Canberra this fifteenth day of October One thousand nine hundred and eighty-six in two originals, in the English and Hindi languages, each text being equally authentic, the English text prevailing in the case of inconsistency.

[Signed]

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for the Government of Australia

[Signed]

P. SHIV SHANKER
Minister of External Affairs
and Commerce
for the Government
of the Republic of India