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**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
and
CANADA**

**Memorandum of Understanding on cooperation in geological
sciences. Signed at Reston, Virginia, on 2 April 1981**

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**ÉTATS-UNIS D'AMÉRIQUE
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**Mémorandum d'accord relatif à la coopération en matière de
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1981**

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MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING¹ BETWEEN GEOLOGICAL SURVEY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND GEOLOGICAL SURVEY OF CANADA OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY, MINES AND RESOURCES OF THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA ON COOPERATION IN GEOLOGICAL SCIENCES

Article I. SCOPE AND OBJECTIVES

The Geological Survey of the United States Department of the Interior (hereinafter referred to as "USGS") and the Geological Survey of Canada of the Department of Energy, Mines and Resources, Government of Canada (hereinafter referred to as "GSC"), hereby state their intention to pursue scientific and technical cooperation in geological sciences in accordance with this Memorandum of Understanding (hereinafter referred to as "Memorandum"), which establishes the procedure for cooperation.

The purpose of this Memorandum is to establish a framework acceptable to both parties for the execution of further memoranda of understanding or agreements for the exchange of scientific and technical knowledge and augmentation of scientific and technical capabilities of USGS and GSC (hereinafter sometimes referred to as the "Parties").

For cooperation requested by the GSC that extends into subjects outside the scope of USGS, USGS may, with the consent of GSC and compatible with existing United States laws, executive orders, regulations and policies, endeavor to enlist the participation of other United States entities.

The GSC may, with consent of USGS, include the participation of other Canadian entities, as well as departments or agencies, federal or provincial, in Canada, in the development of activities contained in the scope of this Memorandum.

Article II. COOPERATIVE ACTIVITIES

Forms of cooperative activities under this Memorandum may consist of exchanges of technical information, exchange visits, cooperative research between scientists of the Parties engaged in research and data exchange in the field of geological sciences within the scope of programs of the Parties, and other forms of cooperative activities as are mutually acceptable. All activities are subject to applicable laws, and regulations of the Parties.

Article III. SOURCE OF FUNDING

Cooperative activities under this Memorandum will be subject to and dependent upon the financial support and manpower available to the Parties. The terms of financing will be established by the Parties before the commencement of each activity.

¹ Came into force on 2 April 1981 by signature, in accordance with article VII.

Article IV. INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

The definition of the phrase 'Intellectual Property' will be as described in *Multi-Lateral Convention of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO)*¹ to which Canada and the United States of America are signatories. The right, if any, to disseminate information regarding such Intellectual Property, the sharing of the same, the manner in which this shall be done, to what parties, the timing of any such release, and any other matters in relation to such Intellectual Property, shall also be clearly stated in each memorandum or agreement made under the umbrella of this Memorandum.

Article V. REVIEW OF ACTIVITIES

The parties will designate representatives who, at times mutually established by the Parties, will review the activities under this Memorandum.

Article VI. PROJECT ANNEXES

Any activity carried on under the general aegis of this Memorandum shall be subject to an exchange of correspondence between the Parties relating to that activity and to further arrangements in accordance with the laws and procedures of Canada and the United States.

Article VII. ENTRY INTO FORCE AND TERMINATION

This Memorandum shall enter into force upon signature by both parties and remain in force for five (5) years, unless extended by mutual agreement. The Memorandum may be terminated at any time by either Party upon ninety (90) days written notice to the other Party. The termination of this Memorandum shall not affect the validity or duration of projects under this Memorandum which are initiated prior to such termination. Done at Reston, Virginia, this day of April 2, 1981.

For the Geological Survey
of the Department of the Interior,
United States of America:

By: [Signed]
Name: DOYLE G. FREDERICK
Title: Acting Director

For the Geological Survey of Canada
of the Department of Energy, Mines
and Resources
of the Government of Canada:

By: [Signed]
Name: W. W. HUTCHISON
Title: Director General

¹ United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 828, p. 3.