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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 THE FIELD OF MEDICAL SCIENCE AND PUBLIC HEALTH

The Government of Australia and the Government of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics (hereinafter referred to as “the Parties”),

Recognising the significance that medical science and public health have for humanity;

Desirous of working together to further develop and strengthen co-operation in the field of medical science and public health and recognising the appropriateness of combining the efforts of both sides in solving a range of medical problems of common interest;

Taking into account the Agreement on Scientific-Technical Co-operation between the Government of Australia and the Government of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics of 15 January 1975;²

Have agreed as follows:

Article 1. 1. The Parties shall develop and broaden mutually beneficial co-operation in the field of medical science and public health. They shall determine, from experience acquired in the course of mutual exchanges, visits and other contacts, appropriate areas of co-operation on a basis of mutual consent and reciprocity.

2. The Parties shall direct their joint efforts to combat those diseases that pose the greatest threat to human health and in particular cardio-vascular disease, cancer and acquired immunodeficiency syndrome. The Parties also consider it appropriate to develop mutual co-operation in such fields of medical science and public health as maternal and child care, medical biotechnology and immunology.

Article 2. The co-operation provided for in the previous Article may, in particular, take the following forms:

- (a) Conduct of research on the basis of programs of co-operation mutually arranged between the Parties;
- (b) Exchange of individual scientists and delegations;
- (c) Conduct of joint conferences, symposia and working meetings;
- (d) The participation of scientists of both countries in international activities conducted on their territories on the basis of mutual arrangement between them;
- (e) Exchange of scientific and technical information; and
- (f) Familiarisation with research techniques and equipment.

Article 3. 1. The Parties shall facilitate the establishment of direct and regular ties between Australia and Soviet medical institutions and organisations. A major aim of such ties shall be to ensure the most rapid and practical introduction of the results of joint scientific activities into the practice of public health care.

¹ Came into force on 1 December 1987 by signature, in accordance with article 9.

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

2. The Parties shall also encourage and facilitate the exchange of equipment and pharmaceutical substances as well as technological developments relating to medical science and public health care.

3. Scientific information obtained through the conduct of joint experiments shall be accessible to both Parties and be transmitted as soon as practicable.

Article 4. 1. The Parties shall continue to provide assistance to international health organisations and particularly the World Health Organization and shall afford these organisations the opportunity of drawing on the knowledge gained by the Parties, including knowledge gained in the course of joint activities.

2. In addition to the previous paragraph and unless the Parties mutually determine otherwise, scientific and technological information derived from co-operation activities under this Agreement may be made available to the world scientific community through customary channels and in accordance with the normal procedures of each Party.

Article 5. The Parties delegate the practical implementation of this Agreement to the Joint Australian-Soviet Commission on co-operation in medical research and public health, which shall periodically hold sessions alternately in Australia and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics. Taking into account the applicable constitutional procedures and laws and regulations of each Party, the Joint Commission shall develop and elaborate practical programs of co-operation which shall set out the forms, methods and financial conditions of co-operation and also review the effectiveness of the implementation of these programs.

Article 6. Financial arrangements for co-operation under this Agreement shall be mutually determined in the Joint Commission and expenses shall be borne by both the Parties. Such financial arrangements may also take into account contributions from institutions and organisations co-operating under this Agreement.

Article 7. Co-operation under this Agreement shall be implemented in accordance with the laws and regulations of both countries. Nothing in this Agreement shall be construed as prejudicing or altering other agreements concluded both between the Parties and with other countries.

Article 8. The Parties shall consult, within the framework of the Joint Commission, on any matter arising out of co-operation under this Agreement, including questions of a commercial, financial or legal nature.

Article 9. This Agreement shall enter into force on the date of signature and shall remain in force for three years and thereafter shall remain in force for further periods of three years unless, not less than six months before the expiry of the current period, either Party gives notice in writing to the other of its intention to terminate it.

DONE at Moscow this 1st day of December 1987 in duplicate in the English and Russian languages, both texts being equally authoritative.

For the Government
of Australia:

[Signed — Signé]¹

For the Government
of Union of Soviet
Socialist Republics:

[Signed — Signé]²

¹ Signed by Bill Hayden — Signé par Bill Hayden.

² Signed by Y. I. Chazov — Signé par Y. I. Chazov.