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## AGREEMENT<sup>1</sup> BETWEEN FRANCE AND INDIA FOR SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL COOPERATION IN BIOTECHNOLOGY

IN PURSUANCE of the Agreement on cultural, scientific and technical cooperation between the Government of the Republic of France and the Government of the Republic of India signed on 7th June 1966<sup>2</sup> and the Agreement on cooperation in the field of Science and Technology signed on 18th July 1978.<sup>3</sup>

DESIROUS of strengthening the existing co-operation between France and India in the areas of life sciences and health related biotechnology,

CONSIDERING the will of the Governments of France and India to extend this co-operation in priority areas of mutual interest and for reciprocal benefit,

CONSIDERING the recent agreement between Institut Mérieux on the one part and the Government of India and the Indian Petrochemicals Corporation Limited on the other part for the establishment in India of a modern complex for producing vaccines against poliomyelitis (inactivated vaccine), measles and vero rabies,

CONSIDERING that the Government of France on its part and the Government of India on the other part have signed a Financial Protocol in Paris on 2nd December 1988 for an amount equivalent of 171.6 million francs on grant and protocol basis for meeting costs of imported equipment, transfer of technology and technical assistance for the establishment of the vaccine project,

the Government of the Republic of France and the Government of the Republic of India (referred to hereinafter as the Contracting Parties).

Have agreed as follows:

<sup>1</sup> Came into force on 1 February 1989 by signature, in accordance with article 6.

<sup>2</sup> United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 690, p. 125.

<sup>3</sup> *Ibid.*, vol. 1558, No. I-27087.

#### ARTICLE 1

The Contracting Parties agree to promote scientific and technical co-operation in the field of biotechnology related to human health among their scientific and technical Institutes, especially those dealing with the improvement of preventive vaccines against communicable diseases, diagnostics and other immunologicals and biologicals.

#### ARTICLE 2

The Contracting Parties agree to exchange, for the implementation of projects arising from Article 1, scientists, research scholars and technologists. The details in this regard shall be settled between the concerned Institutes in terms of the Agreement on Cooperation in the Field of Science and Technology of 18th July 1978.

#### ARTICLE 3

The Contracting Parties shall encourage transfer of technologies in the biotechnology areas which are considered to be of mutual interest to both sides.

#### ARTICLE 4

For the purposes of cooperation under this Agreement, the Contracting Parties agree to utilize, as may be feasible, the Indo-French Centre for the Promotion of Advanced Research (IFCPAR) in the area of biotechnology.

#### ARTICLE 5

The Contracting Parties designate the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Directorate General of Cultural, Scientific and Technical Cooperation) and the Ministry of Research and Technology (Directorate of International Affairs) on the French side and the Ministry of Science and Technology (Department of Biotechnology) on the Indian side as the nodal agencies for the implementation of this Agreement.

## ARTICLE 6

This Agreement shall come into force on the date of its signing and shall remain in force for a period of five years. It shall be renewed by tacit agreement for each subsequent equivalent period unless either side gives to the other side a written notice of three months of its intention to terminate the Agreement.

Signed at New Delhi on this first day of February 1989 in three originals, each in the French, Hindi and English languages, all the texts being equally authentic.

For the Government  
of the Republic of France:

[*Signed*]

HUBERT CURIEN  
Minister for Research  
and Technology

For the Government  
of the Republic of India:

[*Signed*]

K. R. NARAYANAN  
Minister of State  
for Science and Technology

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