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**UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN
AND NORTHERN IRELAND
and
RUSSIAN FEDERATION**

**Agreement on science and technology cooperation. Signed at
Moscow on 28 May 1996**

Authentic texts: English and Russian.

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on 5 November 1996.*

**ROYAUME-UNI DE GRANDE-BRETAGNE
ET D'IRLANDE DU NORD
et
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le 5 novembre 1996.*

AGREEMENT¹ BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY COOPERATION

The Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Russian Federation, hereinafter referred to as the “Parties”.

Realising that international cooperation in science and technology will strengthen the bonds of friendship and mutual understanding between their peoples and will advance the state of science and technology to the benefit of both countries, as well as all mankind;

Convinced that bilateral cooperation in the field of science and technology is an important component of their bilateral relations;

Considering bilateral science and technology cooperation as an important contribution to the development of the economy of each country;

Taking into consideration the positive experience accumulated by the two countries in developing science and technology relations and recognising their desire to expand co-operation;

Desiring to bring bilateral cooperation in the field of science and technology into accord with new political, economic and social realities;

Taking into account provisions of the Russian-British Agreement on Principles of Interrelations signed in 1992 :

Have agreed as follows:

ARTICLE I

The purposes of this Agreement are to broaden and expand relations between the scientific and technological communities in both countries by creating favourable conditions for cooperation and to develop science and technology cooperation on a mutually beneficial and balanced basis.

ARTICLE II

(1) The Parties shall encourage co-operative activities, which under this Agreement may be implemented in the following form:

- (a) Meetings and deliberations of experts for discussion and exchange of information on scientific and technological aspects of general or specific subjects and to identify research and development projects and programmes that may be usefully undertaken on a cooperative basis;

¹ Came into force on 28 May 1996 by signature, in accordance with article XI.

- (b) Exchange of information on questions of cooperation, policies, practices, and laws and regulations concerning research and development activities;
 - (c) Visits and exchanges of scientists, technical experts, or other experts on general or specific subjects;
 - (d) Implementation of agreed cooperative projects and programmes;
 - (e) Training and enhancing the skills of scientists and technical experts;
 - (f) Other forms of cooperative activities as may be agreed by the Parties.
- (2) Cooperation under this Agreement shall be mutually beneficial and shall be based on the principles of shared responsibilities and contributions commensurate with the scientific and technological potential and resources of both countries.

ARTICLE III

- (1) The Parties shall encourage the development of direct contacts and cooperation between government agencies, academies of sciences, universities, scientific institutions, and private sector firms of both countries.
- (2) These organisations and institutions may conclude implementing arrangements in specific areas of science and technology cooperation under this Agreement.

ARTICLE IV

The Parties shall encourage the development of joint projects that could enter existing and future European or international programmes, and promote greater involvement of scientists and specialists from both countries for their implementation.

ARTICLE V

- (1) Cooperation under this Agreement shall be conducted in accordance with the applicable laws, regulations, and procedures in both countries and shall be subject to the availability of resources.
- (2) Costs for the cooperative activities under this Agreement shall be borne by the cooperating organisations on the basis of mutual agreement.

ARTICLE VI

- (1) Scientific and technological information of a non-proprietary nature arising from the cooperative activities under this Agreement may be made available to the public by either Government through customary channels, and in accordance with the normal procedures of the participating agencies.
- (2) In accordance with the laws and regulations of the respective countries and with relevant international agreements to which the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Russian Federation are or will become Parties, the Governments shall encourage the adequate and effective protection and fair distribution of intellectual

property rights or other rights of a proprietary nature resulting from the cooperative activities undertaken pursuant to this Agreement. The Parties shall consult one another for this purpose as necessary.

ARTICLE VII

The provisions of this Agreement shall not affect the rights and obligations of the Parties arising under their international agreements with third Parties.

ARTICLE VIII

With respect to cooperation under this Agreement, each Party, subject to its international obligations, national laws and regulations, including laws and regulations concerning entry, stay and work of natural persons, shall:

- (a) consider, in good faith, and when it is necessary provide support during consideration of applications for entry into and exit from its territory of appropriate personnel and equipment of the other Party used in projects and programmes under this Agreement;
- (b) promote, *inter alia*, the organisation of programmes for joint activities, meetings, familiarising visits to scientific sites, effective implementation measures called for in the Agreement, including travel to relevant geographic areas, visits to necessary institutes, acquaintance with data and materials which are of interest for cooperation, and arrangement of contacts between individual scientists and specialists of both Parties as needed to carry out those activities.

ARTICLE IX

(1) For the purpose of effective implementation of this Agreement, the Parties shall establish a Joint Committee, the activities of which shall be aimed at:

- (a) Creation of the most favourable conditions for implementing science and technology cooperation.
- (b) Assessment of the priorities of science and technology cooperation between the two countries.
- (c) Provision of support for information exchange mechanisms and consultative arrangements that will improve cooperation.
- (d) Assessment of the status of science and technology cooperation and the development of recommendations directed at raising its efficiency.
- (e) Agreeing other issues relevant to science and technology cooperation, a review of which will be deemed necessary by the joint committee.

(2) The Joint Committee shall meet once a year alternately in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and in the Russian Federation unless otherwise agreed.

ARTICLE X

No provision of this Agreement shall be construed as an infringement of other cooperation agreements between the two Parties existing at the date of signature of this Agreement or concluded thereafter.

ARTICLE XI

(1) This Agreement shall enter into force upon the day of signature by both Parties and shall remain in force for ten years. It may be amended or extended for further ten-year periods by written agreement of the Parties.

(2) This Agreement may be terminated at any time by either Party upon six months' written notice to the other Party on the proposed date of termination.

(3) Termination of this Agreement shall not affect the implementation of any cooperative activity carried out under this Agreement and not completed upon termination of this Agreement.

DONE at Moscow this twenty-eighth day of May 1996 in duplicate in the Russian and English languages, each text being equally authentic.

For the Government
of the United Kingdom of Great Britain
and Northern Ireland:

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For the Government
of the Russian Federation:

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