

**AGREEMENT¹ BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT
OF INDIA AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE
SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM ON
COOPERATION IN THE FIELD OF
SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
New Delhi, 26 February 1978**

The Government of the Republic of INDIA

AND

The Government of the Socialist Republic of VIETNAM,

BEING desirous of strengthening cooperation on the basis of equality and mutual benefit between the two countries in the field of science and technology, and being convinced that such cooperation will promote and consolidate the friendship between the two countries and contribute to their development,

HAVE AGREED as follows :

Article I

The Contracting Parties agree to promote development of long term cooperation in the fields of science and technology between the two countries and to define by mutual consent various areas in which such cooperation is desirable, taking into account the experience which scientists and specialists of the two countries have gained and the possibilities available.

Article II

Cooperation between the Contracting Parties in the fields of science and technology may be effected by means of :

1. exchange of scientists, research workers, specialists and trainees;
2. exchange of scientific and technical information and documentation;

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3. organisation of scientific and technical seminars and specific courses;
4. formulation and implementation of scientific and technical research programmes and application of the results of such research in industry, agriculture and other fields.

Article III

1. The Contracting Parties shall promote and facilitate cooperation between their respective organisations, enterprises and institutions concerned with science and technology in their countries with a view to concluding, if necessary, appropriate protocols or contracts within the framework of this Agreement.
2. Protocols or contracts, which shall be the basis for developing cooperation between organisations, enterprises and institutions concerned with science and technology in the two countries, shall be signed in accordance with their laws and regulations. Such protocols or contracts shall, if necessary, provide for :
 - (a) recompense for licensing know-how or utilization of patents;
 - (b) exchange of patents, joint application for patents based on joint projects of research and development and conditions for their commercialisation by either of the Contracting Parties or jointly by them in a third country;
 - (c) conditions of introduction into production and realisation of output; and
 - (d) financial terms and conditions.

Article IV

The Contracting Parties agree that the delivery of the equipment required for joint research and for pilot plant studies instituted in furtherance of this Agreement shall be effected in the manner discussed and agreed upon by the Contracting Parties in each individual case. The delivery of equipment and apparatus from one country to another produced in the course of implementation of this Agreement shall be effected in accordance with the terms of the then existing trade agreement between the Contracting Parties, or in any other manner agreed upon between them.

Article V

The Contracting Parties shall take steps to promote cooperation

among scientific libraries by exchange of books, periodicals and bibliographies.

Article VI

1. The objectives of this Agreement shall be realised through the implementation of programmes signed periodically. Such programmes shall specify the range, subjects and forms of cooperation including financial terms and conditions.
2. The implementation of this Agreement is entrusted to the Department of Science and Technology from the Indian side and to the State Committee for Science and Technology from the Vietnamese side.

Article VII

Each Contracting Party agrees not to divulge information obtained by it or its personnel under this Agreement to any third party without the specific consent of the other Contracting Party.

Article VIII

Expenses for travel of the scientists and specialists between the two countries shall be borne by the sending country, while the expenses for accommodation and other expenses, such as pocket money, internal travel, medical facilities etc., shall be borne by the host country, according to the terms mutually agreed upon between the Contracting Parties.

Article IX

Each Contracting Party shall, subject to its laws and regulations, secure to the citizens of the other Contracting Party, who stay on its territory, all assistance and facilities in the fulfilment of the tasks they are entrusted with, according to the provisions of this Agreement.

Article X

In order to identify projects for implementation under this Agreement and to review the progress of projects already undertaken thereunder, the Contracting Parties shall consult each other as and when necessary.

Article XI

This Agreement shall come into force on the date of its signing. It shall be valid for a period of five years. Thereafter, it shall be

automatically renewed for a further five-year period, unless one of the Contracting Parties gives a written notice to the other Party of its intention to terminate this Agreement, twelve months before the expiry of the said period.

DONE at New Delhi in duplicate in the Hindi, Vietnamese and English languages on the 26th day of February in the year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy Eight, all texts being equally authentic, but in case of doubt the English text shall prevail.

For the Government of the
Republic of India

For the Government of the
Socialist Republic of Vietnam

Sd/-

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