

**AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT  
OF INDIA AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE  
REPUBLIC OF ITALY IN THE FIELDS  
OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY**

**Rome, 28 April 1978**

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The Government of the Republic of INDIA

AND

The Government of the Republic of ITALY,

CONSIDERING that the development of scientific and technical relations shall be of mutual benefit to both countries,

DESIROUS of strengthening the cooperation between the two countries particularly in the fields of science and technology,

CONSIDERING further that this cooperation will promote the development of the existing friendly relations between the two countries,

HAVE AGREED as follows :

*Article I*

The Contracting Parties agree to promote the development of cooperation in the fields of science and technology between the two countries on the basis of equality and mutual advantage 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 available possibilities.

*Article II*

To implement the aims mentioned in Article I the two Governments agree that cooperation between the Contracting Parties in the fields of science and technology may be implemented by means of :

- (i) exchange of scientists, research workers, experts and scholars;

- (ii) exchange of scientific and technical information and documentaion;
- (iii) organisation of scientific and technical conferences, seminars and courses on problems of interest to both countries;
- (iv) formulation and implementation of joint scientific and technical research programmes.

### *Article III*

1. The Contracting Parties shall promote scientific and technical cooperation between their respective organizations, enterprises and institutions concerned with science and technology in both countries with a view to concluding, if necessary, appropriate research programmes within the framework of this Agreement.
2. Protocols or Understandings which originate from developing cooperation between these organisations, enterprises and institutions concerned with science and technology in both countries, shall be agreed upon provided they do not modify the existing grant legislation of each country.
3. Utilisation and exchange of patents, joint application of patents based on joint projects of research and conditions for their commercialisation, including financial terms and relevant rights, by either Party or jointly by them in a third country, shall be examined by the Indo-Italian Committee for Economic Cooperation.

### *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 carried out in the manner discussed and agreed upon by both Contracting Parties in each specific case.

Should any problem arise about delivery of equipment and apparatus from one country to the other within the framework of the present Agreement it shall be examined by the Indo-Italian Committee for Economic Cooperation.

### *Article V*

The objectives of this Agreement shall be realised through the implementation of scientific and technical programmes agreed periodically. Such programmes shall specify the range, subjects and forms of cooperation including financial terms and conditions.

The financing of these programmes shall be covered by funds allocated in the budget for the Ministries concerned.

*Article VI*

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 Party.

*Article VII*

Travel expenses of scientists and experts 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 shall be borne by the host Country, according to terms mutually agreed upon between the Contracting Parties.

*Article VIII*

To implement the aims of this Agreement a Joint Committee on Science and Technology composed by representatives of Government and experts of both Countries shall be established;

Protocols or Understandings on cooperation in the fields of Science and Technology, administrative and financial conditions, shall be agreed upon by the above said Joint Committee on Science and Technology which will meet concurrently with the Joint Committee established by the Cultural Agreement<sup>1</sup> signed in Rome on November 9, 1976.

The Joint Committee on Science and Technology may also meet separately at an agreed place either in Rome or New Delhi as the situation may require.

*Article IX*

Subject to its laws and regulations each Contracting Party shall secure to the citizens of the other Party, who stay on its territory, all assistance and facilities in the fulfillment of the tasks entrusted to them in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement.

*Article X*

The implementation of this Agreement is entrusted to the Department of Science and Technology for the Indian side and to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs for the Italian side.

1. IBTA Vol. 9 Doc. No. 607.

*Article XI*

This Agreement shall be subject to approval by the Contracting Parties in accordance with their respective national procedures and shall come into force upon exchange of notes confirming such approval.

*Article XII*

This Agreement shall remain in force for five years and shall be automatically extended for a further period of five years unless one of the Contracting Parties gives notice to the other Party of its intention to terminate it twelve months before the expiry of the said period.

DONE at Rome in two originals each in the Hindi, Italian and English languages on the 28th day of April 1978 each text being equally authentic. The English text shall however prevail in case of doubts.

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On behalf of the Government  
of the Republic of India

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On behalf of the Government  
of the Republic of Italy

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