

**AGREEMENT<sup>1</sup> BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF  
INDIA AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNION  
OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS ON  
COOPERATION IN THE FIELD OF  
MEDICAL SCIENCE AND  
PUBLIC HEALTH  
New Delhi, 14 March 1979**

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The Government of the Republic of INDIA

AND

The Government of the UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS,

BEING aware of the importance which medical science and public health have for the welfare of mankind;

RECOGNISING the desirability of joining in a common effort to promote their further development;

DESIRING to widen cooperation in these fields for the mutual benefit and also thereby to bring about an overall improvement in the standards of medicine and public health;

RECALLING the Agreement<sup>2</sup> between the Government of the Republic of India and the Government of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics on Cooperation in the field of Applied Sciences and Technology signed on October 2, 1972,

HAVE agreed as follows :

*Article 1*

The Parties shall undertake to develop and extend mutually beneficial cooperation in the field of medical science and public health. By mutual agreement they will determine the areas of the cooperation, proceeding from the experience acquired by the Parties in the course of previous contacts, visits and exchanges;

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1. Came into force on 14 March 1979.

2. IBTA Vol. 7 Doc. No. 466.

The Parties agree to direct their joint efforts towards combating the most widespread and serious diseases which pose a threat to man's health. The Parties recognise the benefits that could be obtained by such measures towards solving the problems associated with the effects of the environment on man's health, as well as towards the resolution of other important problems in medical science and public health.

#### *Article 2*

The cooperation in the fields of medical science and public health mentioned in the preceding Article would cover the following :

- Coordinated scientific research programmes and other research activities;
- Exchange of information, specialised literature;
- Familiarization with technical aids and equipment.

#### *Article 3*

The Parties will organise and coordinate contacts between Indian and Soviet medical and public health institutions and organisations.

The Parties will also encourage and facilitate exchanges of equipment, pharmaceutical products biological and technological developments related to medical science and public health.

#### *Article 4*

The practical implementation of this Agreement will be the responsibility of the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare on the Indian side and the Ministry of Health on the Soviet side. A suitable mechanism would be established for working out specific programmes of cooperation and for supervising the working and implementation of these programmes.

#### *Article 5*

Cooperation under this Agreement shall be financed through the resources of the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare of the Republic of India and the Ministry of Health of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics. The relevant financial procedures will be incorporated in a separate agreement on the subject to be drawn up by both Parties.

#### *Article 6*

This Agreement shall enter into force upon signature and will remain in force upto 14th March, 1984. It will be extended by predetermined periods thereof not less than six months prior to its expiration.

DONE in New Delhi on the 14th day of March, 1979, in duplicate, in the Hindi, Russian and English languages, all the texts being equally authentic, the English text being the operative one.

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For the Government of the  
Republic of India

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For the Government of the  
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