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**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
and  
ITALY**

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Signed at Rome on 22 July 1981**

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*Registered by the United States of America on 26 May 1989.*

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## AGREEMENT<sup>1</sup> BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE ITALIAN REPUBLIC FOR SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL COOPERATION

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The Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Italian Republic (hereinafter referred to as the Parties):

Wishing to strengthen further the firm bonds of friendship and cooperation between the two countries;

Aware of the importance of science and technology in national economic and social development, and of the contribution that effective scientific and technological cooperation, conducted on a basis of equality and mutual benefit, can make to the expansion of the human resources of both countries;

Recognizing that international cooperation offers a potential for expanding the scientific and technological capacity of all countries;

Affirming that the valuable and positive cooperation achieved under the Agreement for a Cooperative Program in Science between the United States of America and the Republic of Italy signed in Washington on June 19, 1967,<sup>2</sup> should be continued and strengthened;

Have agreed as follows:

### *Article I*

1. The Parties shall promote scientific and technological cooperation for peaceful purposes in areas of mutual interest.

2. The principal objectives of this Agreement are to strengthen the scientific and technological capabilities of the two countries and broaden and expand relations between the scientific and technological communities.

### *Article II*

Cooperation under this Agreement may be undertaken in the fields of agriculture, energy, space, health, environment, earth sciences, engineering, and other such areas of basic and applied science and technology and their management as may be mutually agreed.

### *Article III*

Cooperation under this Agreement may include the exchange of scientific and technological information, joint conduct of research projects, exchange of scientists and technical experts, convening of seminars and meetings, training of scientists and technical experts, and such other forms of scientific and technological cooperation as may be mutually agreed.

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<sup>1</sup> Came into force on 22 July 1981 by signature, in accordance with article XI (1).

<sup>2</sup> United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 686, p. 43.

#### *Article IV*

Pursuant to the objectives of this Agreement, the Parties shall encourage and facilitate, as appropriate, contacts and cooperation between government agencies, universities, research centers, institutions, firms and other entities of the two countries, and the conclusion of specific arrangements for the conduct of cooperative activities.

#### *Article V*

1. Specific arrangements implementing this Agreement may cover subjects of cooperation, procedures to be followed, treatment of intellectual property, funding and other appropriate matters. With respect to funding, costs shall be borne as mutually agreed. All cooperative activities under this Agreement shall be subject to the availability of funds.

2. Cooperative activities conducted under this agreement shall be consistent with the laws and regulations of each country.

#### *Article VI*

Each Party shall, with respect to cooperative activities under this Agreement, use its best efforts to facilitate prompt entry into and exit from its territory of equipment and personnel of the other side.

#### *Article VII*

Scientific and technological information derived from cooperative activities under this Agreement may be made available, unless otherwise agreed in an implementing arrangement under Article V (1), to the world scientific community through customary channels and in accordance with the normal procedures of the participating entities.

#### *Article VIII*

Scientists, technical experts, and entities of third countries or international organizations may be invited, upon the consent of both sides, to participate in activities being carried out under this Agreement.

#### *Article IX*

The United States Government designates the National Science Foundation as Executive Agent for the coordination and facilitation of cooperative activities under this Agreement. The National Science Foundation will act in coordination with the Department of State. As regards the Italian Republic, the responsibility for direction and review of the research activities envisaged by the Agreement will be the responsibility of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, which shall act in agreement with the Minister for the Coordination of Scientific and Technological Research, having considered the views of the administrations and organizations interested in the individual sectors. To facilitate the development of the cooperative activities foreseen by the present agreement on the technical-scientific level, the Italian Party designates as Executive Agent the National Research Council.

*Article X*

The Parties shall conduct a joint review of activities under this Agreement every two years. These reviews shall take place alternately in the United States and Italy.

*Article XI*

1. This agreement shall enter into force upon signature and shall remain in force for five years, unless terminated earlier by either Party upon six months written notice to the other Party. It may be extended or amended by mutual written agreement of the Parties.

2. The termination of this Agreement shall not affect the validity or duration of any implementing arrangements made under it.

DONE at Rome this twenty-second day of July 1981, in duplicate in the English and Italian languages, both equally authentic.

For the Government  
of the United States of America:

[Signed — Signé]<sup>1</sup>

For the Government  
of the Italian Republic:

[Signed — Signé]<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Signed by Maxwell Rabb — Signé par Maxwell Rabb.

<sup>2</sup> Signed by Sergio Romano — Signé par Sergio Romano.