

AGREEMENT

Between the Government of the Republic of Armenia and the Republic of India on cooperation in the fields of science and technology

The Government of the Republic of Armenia and the Government of the Republic of India (hereinafter referred to as the Contracting Parties);

Being desirous of strengthening the cooperation and friendly relations and development of the collaboration in the fields of science and technology;

Have agreed as follows:

Article 1

The Contracting Parties shall promote the development of bilateral cooperation in the fields of Science and Technology on the basis of equality, reciprocity and mutual benefit with respect to the provision of this agreement and existing laws and regulations of the Contracting Parties and taking into account the expertise of the scientists and specialists of the two countries and the possibilities available.

Article 2

The cooperation between the Contracting Parties in the fields of Science and Technology may be effected by means of:

- i) exchange of scientists, research workers, specialists and scholars to carry out investigations and exchange of scientific ideas;
- ii) exchange of scientific and technical information, publications and other scientific documentations;
- iii) holding of bilateral scientific and technical seminars, symposia in fields of Science and Technology and problems of interest to both the countries;
- iv) organisation of scientific and technological exhibitions and presentations;
- v) use of R & D facilities to facilitate implementation of projects of mutual interest;
- vi) joint identification of scientific and technical problems, formulation and implementation of joint research programmes which might lead to application of the results in industry, agriculture and other fields, establishment of facilities, undertaking joint investigations and exchange of experience and know how resulting therefrom; and
- vii) any other form of Science & Technology cooperation as may be mutually agreed upon by the Contracting Parties.

Article 3

1. The objectives of this Agreement shall be realised through the implementation of cooperation programmes as agreed periodically. Such programmes shall specify the themes and forms of cooperation including financial terms and conditions.

2. The implementation of this Agreement is entrusted to the Ministry of Higher Education and Science from the Armenian side and Department of Science & Technology, from the Indian side.

Article 4

1. The Contracting Parties shall establish a Joint Committee on the Science & Technology cooperation, which shall consist of a Chairman and members from both the sides, designated by the Contracting Parties. The tasks of the Joint Committee shall include creation of favourable conditions for the implementation of this Agreement and provide directions for industrial and commercial realisations of results of cooperation under this Agreement.

2. The Joint Committee shall meet annually, or as and when required, by mutual consent, alternatively in Armenia and India.

3. The Joint Committee in due course may elaborate its own internal regulations for implementation of this agreement.

4. The Joint Committee shall also take decisions on any points or issues under this Agreement arising out of difference of opinion.

Article 5

1. In accordance with the above, Contracting Parties shall develop the existing contracts and facilitate furtherance of the contacts between scientific institutions and organisations of Armenia and India.

2. Such contracts or protocols shall include General and Financial terms for the realisation of outcome of the cooperation, if necessary.

Article 6

The Contracting Parties shall take steps to promote cooperation among scientific libraries, centres of scientific and technical information and scientific institutions for exchange of books, periodicals and bibliographies.

Article 7

With respect to cooperation under this Agreement, each Contracting Party shall, in accordance with its laws and regulations, make its best efforts:

1. to facilitate prompt and efficient entry into and exit from its territory of equipment and instrumentation;

2. to facilitate prompt and efficient entry into and exit from its territory and domestic travel and work of persons participating in the implementation of this Agreement, including the provisions of access to relevant geographic areas,

data and materials and institutions and persons participating in the implementation of this Agreement;

3. to examine the possibility of granting the visa free of charge for persons participation in the implementation of this Agreement; and

4. to deliver the equipment required for joint research and for pilot plant studies instituted in furtherance of this Agreement to be effected in the manner discussed and agreed upon by both the Contracting Parties in each individual case.

Article 8

1. Scientific and technological information derived from cooperative activities under this Agreement, other than information not disclosed for commercial or industrial reasons, shall be made available, unless otherwise agreed to in writing in implementing arrangements under Article II, to the world scientific community through customary channels and in accordance with the laws on protection of intellectual property and rights, and the normal practices and regulations of the Cooperating organisations.

2. Scientists, technical experts, and the institutions of the third countries or international organisations maybe invited, upon the consent of both the countries, to participate in the projects and programme being carried out under this Agreement. The cost of such participation shall normally be borne by the third country, unless both the countries agree otherwise in writing, and subject to the availability of funds.

Article 9

The provisions of this Agreement shall not prejudice other agreements and arrangements signed between the two Governments, as well as multilateral arrangements signed by them.

This agreement shall remain in force initially for a period of three years and shall be automatically extended for the subsequent period of three year at a time unless either of the contracting parties gives to the other a written notice six months in advance of its intention to terminate the agreement before the date of its expiry.

The termination of this Agreement shall not affect the carrying out of any activity or programme already commenced under this Agreement and not fully executed at the time of the termination or expiration of this Agreement.

In witness whereof, undersigned being duly authorised thereto by their respective Governments have hereto signed this agreement and affixed thereto their seals.

Done at New Delhi on this 25th day of March 1994 in two originals each in the Armenian, Hindi and English languages, all the texts being equally authentic. In case of doubt the English text shall prevail.

The Agreement has entered into force on March 25, 1994.