

## **AGREEMENT**

### **On scientific and technological co-operation between the Ministry of Higher Education and Science of the Republic of Armenia and the Ministry of Research and Technology of Romania**

The Ministry of Higher Education and Science of Republic of Armenia and the Ministry of Research and Technology of Romania (hereinafter referred to as the "Parties") have agreed as follows:

#### **Article 1**

The Parties shall support and develop the co-operation in the field of science and technology between research organizations, institutions and technology entities of the two countries, according to the provisions of this Agreement and in conformity of the laws and regulations existing in each country.

#### **Article 2**

The co-operation will cover in particular the following fields:

- a) joint research, development and design projects, including the exchange of their results, as well as exchange of scientists and researchers related to them;
- b) organization and participation to scientific conferences, symposia, courses, workshops and exhibitions, etc;
- c) exchange of scientific and technological information, documentation, equipment and consumable materials;
- d) common use of research and development (R&D) facilities and scientific equipment in each country;
- e) other forms of scientific and technical co-operation, which may be mutually agreed upon.

#### **Article 3**

1. For the purpose of implementation of this Agreement, the Parties will establish a Joint Committee on the scientific and technological co-operation.

2. The tasks of the Joint Committee are the following:

- a) to agree on the co-operation fields;
- b) to create the favourable conditions for implementation of this Agreement;
- c) to facilitate and support the implementation of joint programmes and projects;
- d) to exchange opinions on the overall prospects of the bilateral scientific and technological co-operation and to examine new proposals for the development of the co-operation.

3. The Joint Committee shall usually meet every two years, alternatively in the Republic of Armenia and in Romania and will conclude Protocols, which will contain conclusions and proposals of the Joint sessions. It will also meet every time the Joint Committee deems it necessary.

#### **Article 4**

The Parties will encourage the establishment of the terms and financial conditions aimed to achieve a long-term co-operation between the scientific institutes, associations, companies and other research and development centers (hereinafter referred to as "co-operating partners"). In order to accomplish the agreed objectives, the co-operating partners will conclude joint working programmes, for the specific topics.

#### **Article 5**

The expenses for the exchange of experts, scientists and other specialists, resulting from this Agreement, will be covered as follows:

The sending Party will pay the international transportation between the two countries and the receiving Party will cover the accommodation, trip within the territory of the host country and daily allowance, according to the regulations of each country.

#### **Article 6**

Scientific and technological information derived from co-operative activities under this Agreement should not be unilaterally disclosed for commercial or industrial purpose without the consent of the partners.

#### **Article 7**

Any dispute relating to the interpretation of implementation of this Agreement shall be settled through consultations between the Parties within the Joint Committee.

#### **Article 8**

With respect to the co-operative activities established under this Agreement, each Party shall, in accordance with its laws and regulations, take all necessary measures to ensure the best possible conditions.

#### **Article 9**

1) This Agreement shall come into force on the date on which the Parties shall notify each other, that the Agreement has been approved in accordance with the legal procedures of each country.

The date of the last notification is deemed to be the date of the coming into force of the Agreement.

2) This Agreement shall be valid for a period of five years and shall be extended for further periods of three years, unless one Party terminates it by a written notice, given at least six months before the expiration of the respective validity period.

3) The termination of this Agreement shall not affect the carrying out of the projects or programmes undertaken under this Agreement and not fully executed at the time of the termination of this Agreement.

Concluded at Bucharest this 20<sup>th</sup> day of September 1994, in the Armenian, Romanian and English languages, all texts being equally authentic. In case of different interpretation, the English text will prevail.

***The Agreement has entered into force on August 20, 1998.***