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PROTOCOL of COOPERATION

**BETWEEN
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF CYPRUS AND THE
GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF SLOVENIA
ON RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT**

The Government of the Republic of Cyprus and the Government of the Republic of Slovenia hereinafter referred to as "The Contracting Parties",

- Recognizing the importance of research and development in the growth of the national economies and in the improvement of their socio-economic standards of living,

- Wishing to strengthen and develop scientific and technological co-operation on the basis of equality and mutual benefit,

- Taking into consideration the Agreement between the Government of the Republic of Cyprus and the Government of the Republic of Slovenia on Co-operation in the Fields of Education, Culture and Science, signed in Ljubljana 21st January 1999,

Have agreed as follows:

Article 1

Co-operation in the Field of Research and Development

The Contracting Parties shall encourage and support the co-operation in the field of research and development on the basis of mutual benefit, according to the provisions of the present Protocol and the laws and regulations of each Party.

Article 2

Establishment of a Joint Committee

1. For the purpose of implementation of the present Protocol, a Joint Committee, composed of representatives designated by the two Contracting Parties is established.
2. The tasks of the Joint Committee are as follows:
 - Identify the fields of co-operation on the basis of information received from institutions of each country and the respective national policies in research.
 - Create the favourable conditions for the implementation of the present Protocol.
 - Facilitate and support the implementation of joint programmes and projects.
 - Examine the progress of activities related to the present Protocol.
 - Exchange of experience arising from the bilateral research and development co-operation and the examination of the proposals for the further development of the cooperation.
3. The Joint Committee will meet at least once every 2 (two) years, unless otherwise agreed, alternately in the Republic of Cyprus and in the Republic of Slovenia and will conclude and sign Protocols containing the evaluation of the past and current activities and identifying future fields of co-operation, as well as the list of mutually accepted projects of co-operation after evaluation of the joint proposals received.
4. The Joint Committee will decide on the thematic priorities and the funding conditions of the next Call for Proposals.
5. The Joint Committee may elaborate its own rules of procedure.

Article 3

Launching of a Joint Research Cooperation Programme

1 The Contracting Parties will launch a Joint Research Cooperation Programme, inviting research and development organisations, Universities, public and private organisations and enterprises from the two countries to submit research proposals falling into one of the thematic priorities specified in the Joint Research Cooperation Programme

2 The Programme's main aim will be the implementation of joint research and development projects, including the exchange results and the exchange of scientists, researchers and technical experts The Programme could also include the organisation and participation in meetings, conferences, symposia and workshops

3 The funding conditions that will rule the Joint Programme are described in Appendix I of the Protocol

Article 4

Exploitation of Research Results

1 Scientific and technological results and any other information derived from the co-operation activities under the Joint Research Programme will be published or commercially exploited with the consent of both co-operating partners and according to the international conventions and laws of the Contracting Parties concerning intellectual property

2 Scientists, researchers, technical experts and institutions from third countries or international organisations may be invited, upon consent of both co-operating partners, to participate in projects and programmes being carried out

under the present Protocol. The cost of such participation shall be borne by the Third Party, unless the Contracting Parties otherwise agree in writing.

Article 5

Cooperation in European Research Programmes

The Contracting Parties will promote the cooperation of scientists, researchers and technical experts in European Research Programmes.

Article 6

Protocol Implementation

The activities described in this Protocol will be implemented by the Research Promotion Foundation of Cyprus and the Slovenian Research Agency.

Article 7

Monitoring of Protocol Implementation

1. Any issues relating to the interpretation and implementation of the Protocol shall be settled through consultations within the Joint Committee or between the Contracting Parties.
2. With respect to the co-operation established under the present Protocol, each Contracting Party shall take, in accordance with its laws and regulations, all necessary measures to ensure the best possible conditions for its implementation.