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AGREEMENT
ON
SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL COOPERATION
BETWEEN
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
AND
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE’S REPUBLIC OF
BANGLADESH

The Government of the United States of America and the Government of the People’s Republic of Bangladesh (hereinafter referred to as “the Parties”)

Desirous of strengthening the bonds of friendship between their two countries and fostering increased capacity to engage in science and technology, build infrastructure and improve scientific educational opportunities for all citizens; and

Recognizing that scientific and technical cooperation will advance the state of science and technology to their mutual benefit as well as strengthen the national economies of both countries,

Have agreed to enter into a Science and Technology Agreement as follows:

Article 1

The Parties shall promote cooperation between their countries in science and technology for peaceful purposes, in accordance with their respective laws and regulations on the basis of mutual respect and benefit. The principal objective of this cooperation is to provide opportunities to exchange personnel, ideas, information, skills and techniques and to collaborate on subjects of mutual interest.

Article 2

The cooperation contemplated in this Agreement may include the following :

- (1) Exchange of students, educators, scientists, researchers, technical personnel, and experts;
- (2) Exchange of documentation and information of a scientific and technological nature;
- (3) Convening of joint scientific and technological seminars, symposia, conferences, and other meetings;
- (4) Implementation of joint research and experiments on scientific and technological subjects of mutual interest as well as exchanges of any results;
- (5) Transfer of technology between the Parties;
- (6) Enhancement of capabilities of the Parties through technical assistance, training, infrastructure strengthening ; and
- (7) Any other forms of scientific and technological cooperation as may be mutually agreed.

Article 3

The Parties shall encourage and facilitate, where appropriate, the development of joint contacts and cooperation between governmental agencies, universities, research centers, and other institutions, private sector companies and the entities of the two countries. The Parties or their agencies may also conclude implementing arrangements for the conducts of cooperative activities under this Agreement.

Article 4

The Parties undertake to consult at the request of either Party regarding the implementation of this Agreement and the development of further cooperation in the fields of science and technology. The Parties shall also consult, with regard to activities under this Agreement, to identify public-private partnerships, education and infrastructure development opportunities, and entrepreneurship which build upon science based collaborations. The Parties may establish an advisory committee with mutually agreed upon representation, procedures and meeting arrangements to facilitate the above. This advisory committee may include both governmental and nongovernmental representatives as mutually agreed by the Parties.

Article 5

Cooperative activities under this Agreement shall undertaken in accordance with applicable laws in both countries and shall be subject to the availability of funds.

Article 6

- (1) The treatment of intellectual property and security obligations arising from cooperative activities under this Agreement shall be provided for as specified in Annex I and Annex II respectively, which constitute integral parts of this Agreement, or an alternate arrangement as agreed to by the Parties in writing.
- (2) Scientific and technological information of a non-proprietary nature derived from cooperative activities conducted under this Agreement may be made available, unless otherwise agreed by the Parties, to the world scientific community through customary channels and in accordance with the normal procedures agreed upon by the Parties. No warranty of suitability of information exchanged under this Agreement is implied or given.

Article 7

With respect to cooperative activities under this Agreement, each Party shall, in accordance with its laws and regulation, facilitate :

- (1) Prompt and efficient entry into and exit from its territory and domestic travel and work of personnel participating in the implementation of this Agreement;
- (2) Prompt and efficient entry into and exit from its territory of appropriate equipment, instrumentation, materials, supplies, samples and project information; and
- (3) Provision of access to relevant geographic areas, data, materials, institutions, and persons participating in the implementation of this Agreement.

Personnel may not engage in and equipment may not be used for any purpose outside of the agreed activities without the prior written authorization of both Parties.

Article 8

Unless otherwise agreed by the Parties or provided for in an implementing arrangement, each Party or participating agency, organization or enterprise shall bear the cost of its participation and that of its personnel engaged in cooperative activities under this Agreement.

Article 9

This Agreement shall not affect the validity or execution of any obligation arising from other previously concluded international agreements of either Party.