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AGREEMENT
ON
SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY COOPERATION
BETWEEN
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
AND
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF INDIA

The Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Republic of India (hereinafter referred to as the “Parties”),

Realizing that international cooperation in science and technology for peaceful purposes will strengthen the bonds of friendship and understanding between their peoples and will advance the state of science and technology of both countries, as well as mankind;

Sharing responsibilities for contributing to the world’s future prosperity and well being, and desiring to make further efforts to strengthen their respective national research and development policies for peaceful uses;

Considering scientific and technological cooperation is an important condition for the development of national economies;

Intending to strengthen their economic cooperation through specific and advanced technology applications;

Wishing to establish dynamic and effective international cooperation between organizations and individual scientists in both countries; and

Recognizing that cooperative activities would facilitate exchange and diffusion of technologies between the countries;

Have agreed as follows:

Article I

1. The purposes of this Agreement are to strengthen scientific and technological capabilities, including engineering, of the Parties, to broaden and expand relations between the extensive scientific and technological communities of both countries, and to promote scientific and technological cooperation in areas of mutual benefit, all for peaceful purposes.

2. The principal objectives of this cooperation are to provide opportunities to exchange ideas, information, skills, and technologies for peaceful purposes, and to collaborate on scientific and technological endeavors of mutual interest.

Article II

1. Cooperative activities under this Agreement shall be conducted in accordance with the applicable laws, regulations, and procedures in both countries and shall be subject to the availability of appropriated and other funds and personnel.

2. Should funds be made available for the purposes of this Agreement, written procedures will be developed by the Parties to govern the administration of such funds.

Article III

1. The Parties shall encourage cooperation through exchanges of scientific and technical information; exchanges of scientists and technical experts; the convening of seminars and meetings; the training of scientists and technical experts; the conduct of cooperative research projects; educational exchanges related to science, technology and engineering; the establishment of science-based public-private partnerships; the use of facilities and specific equipment, as appropriate; and other forms of scientific and technological cooperation as may be mutually agreed upon. None of the activities undertaken under this Agreement will relate to the development or use of nuclear, chemical or biological weapons, rocket systems, unmanned air vehicle systems, or to high-resolution remote sensing capabilities.

2. Cooperation under this Agreement shall be based on shared responsibilities and equitable contributions and benefits, commensurate with the Parties' respective scientific and technological strengths and resources.

3. Priority will be given to collaborations that can advance common goals in science and engineering research and education, support partnerships between public and private research institutions and industry, and touch on such science and technology issues as: promotion of science-based decision-making, environmental and biodiversity protection, safe drinking water, watershed management, natural and social sciences, agriculture, marine sciences, energy, basic space sciences, climate, HIV/AIDS and other infectious diseases, chronic disease research, other mutual priorities in health and biomedical research, telemedicine, information and communication technologies, standards and metrology, sustainable development, and other mutually beneficial areas.

4. This Agreement does not preclude or preempt other forms of cooperation between the Parties under separate arrangements.

Article IV

1. The Parties shall encourage and facilitate, where appropriate, the development of contacts and cooperation between government agencies, universities, research centers, institutions, private sector companies, and other entities of both countries.

2. Government agencies of the Parties may conclude under this Agreement implementing agreements or arrangements, as appropriate, in specific areas of science, technology and engineering. These implementing agreements or arrangements shall cover, as appropriate, topics of cooperation, procedures for personnel exchanges or program participants, procedures for transfer and use of materials, equipment and funds, and other relevant issues.

3. The Parties may designate other entities, including universities, research centers, institutions, and private sector companies, to carry out activities under this Agreement. Such entities may, with the approval of the Parties, enter into implementing arrangements, as appropriate, in specific areas of science and technology. These

implementing arrangements shall cover, as appropriate, topics of cooperation, procedures for personnel exchanges or program participants, procedures for transfer and use of materials, equipment and funds, and other relevant issues such as intellectual property rights.

4. In case of any inconsistent or ambiguous provisions in an implementing agreement or arrangement, the provisions of this Agreement shall prevail, unless the Parties otherwise agree in writing.

Article V

Scientists, technical experts, government agencies and institutions of third countries or international organizations may, in appropriate cases, be invited by agreement of the Parties to participate at their own expense, unless otherwise agreed, in projects and programs being carried out under this Agreement.

Article VI

1. The Parties agree to consult periodically and at the request of either Party concerning the implementation of the Agreement and the development of their cooperation. The Parties shall establish a Joint Committee to coordinate, facilitate, and review cooperative activities under this Agreement, composed of representatives designated by the Parties. The Joint Committee shall be co-chaired by a designated official of the Department of State of the Government of the United States and a designated official of the Government of the Republic of India. The Joint Committee will ordinarily meet at least once a year through any appropriate means agreed to by the Parties, including in person or through electronic means. In-person meetings of the Joint Committee shall alternate between India and the United States, or as agreed to by the Parties.

2. Each Party shall also designate an Agreement Coordinator to conduct administrative affairs and, as appropriate, to provide oversight and coordination of activities under this Agreement, including administration of any funds that may be made available for the purposes of this Agreement, as described in Article II(2).