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AGREEMENT¹ BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF AUSTRALIA AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNION OF SOVIET SO- CIALIST REPUBLICS ON COOPERATION IN THE FIELD OF PROTECTION AND ENHANCEMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT

The Government of Australia and the Government of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, hereinafter referred to as the Contracting Parties,

Taking into account the gravity of environmental problems for the people of both countries and of the world;

Considering that the solution of problems of environmental protection requires the cooperation of all countries and peoples;

Attaching great importance to the protection and enhancement of the environment and to its protection from damage due to pollution;

Considering that sustainable economic and social development for the benefit of the present and future generations requires effective measures for the protection and enhancement of the environment today;

Desiring to facilitate the establishment of closer and long-term cooperation between interested organisations of the two countries in the field of environmental protection and enhancement;

Aiming to develop further cooperation between the Contracting Parties in accordance with the aims and objectives of the Agreement between the Government of Australia and the Government of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics on Scientific-Technical Cooperation done at Moscow on 15 January 1975,²

Have agreed as follows:

Article I

The Contracting Parties shall develop cooperation in the field of protection and enhancement of the environment on the basis of equality, reciprocity and mutual benefit. This cooperation shall be directed at resolving major issues of environmental protection and enhancement facing the Contracting Parties.

Article II

1. Cooperation in accordance with this Agreement shall be based on the identification and study of potentially harmful influences on the environment and the development and implementation of measures to control or prevent such influences.

2. Cooperation may be carried out in the following fields:

- Monitoring the state of the environment, including development of environmental impact assessment techniques, as a means of ensuring socio-economic development which is not damaging to the environment;
- Study of global climate change, protection of the ozone layer;

¹ Came into force on 15 February 1990 by signature, in accordance with article X (1).

² United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 975, p. 129.