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AGREEMENT¹ RELATING TO SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL COOPERATION BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF FINLAND AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

The Government of the Republic of Finland and the Government of the United States of America, hereafter referred to as the Parties,

Recognizing that scientific and technical cooperation can benefit the peoples of both countries and all mankind and that it strengthens the bonds of friendship between the two countries,

Have agreed as follows:

Article I

1. The Parties shall promote cooperation between the two countries in science and technology for peaceful purposes on the basis of mutual benefit, equality, and reciprocity.

2. The principal objective of this cooperation is the investigation of scientific and technological topics of mutual interest by providing opportunities to exchange ideas, information, skills, and techniques and to conduct joint research.

Article II

The activities contemplated under this Agreement may include exchanges of scientific and technological information, exchanges of scientists and technical experts, the convening of joint seminars and meetings, the conduct of joint research projects, and such other forms of scientific and technological cooperation as may be mutually agreed upon.

Article III

Pursuant to the aims of this Agreement, the Parties will encourage and facilitate, where appropriate, the development of direct contacts and cooperation between government agencies, research centers, and other institutions of the two countries. Where appropriate, the Parties will enlist the participation of other government agencies, research centers and other institutions in cooperative activities under this Agreement. Cooperative activities under this

Agreement will be conducted pursuant to implementing arrangements between the Parties.

Article IV

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

Article V

Cooperative activities shall be undertaken in accordance with applicable laws and regulations in both countries and shall be subject to the availability of appropriated funds and personnel.

Article VI

Upon request of either Party representatives of the Parties shall meet to consider matters related to the implementation of this Agreement. Groups of experts may be designated to discuss specific questions. Each Party shall designate an office within a particular agency to maintain contacts between meetings.

Article VII

1. Each Party shall use its best efforts to facilitate entry to and exit from its territory of personnel and equipment of the other country, engaged on or used in projects and programs under this Agreement.

2. Each Party shall endeavor to ensure that all participants in agreed cooperative activities under this Agreement have access to facilities and personnel within its country as needed to carry out those activities.

3. Each Party shall endeavor to provide comparable access to major government-sponsored or government supported programs and facilities for visiting researchers and compara-

¹ Came into force on 27 August 1995, i.e., 30 days after the Parties had notified each other (on 28 July 1995) of the completion of their respective requirements, in accordance with article XI (1).

ble access to and exchange of information in the field of scientific and technological research and development.

Article VIII

1. Scientific and technological information of a nonproprietary nature derived from the cooperative activities conducted under this Agreement shall be made available, unless it is agreed otherwise under specific circumstances, to the world scientific community through customary channels in accordance with the normal procedures of the participating agencies.

2. Provisions for the protection and distribution of intellectual property created or furnished in the course of cooperative activities under this Agreement, and for the protection of information and equipment for national security reasons, are set forth in Annexes I and II to this Agreement, which Annexes constitute integral parts of this Agreement.

Article IX

Nothing in this Agreement shall be construed to prejudice other arrangements for scientific and technological cooperation between the two Parties.

Article X

All questions or disputes related to the interpretation or implementation of this Agree-

ment shall be settled by mutual agreement by the Parties.

Article XI

1. This Agreement shall enter into force 30 days after the date when the Parties, through diplomatic channels, have notified each other that their respective requirements for the entry into force of the Agreement have been fulfilled. The Agreement shall remain in force for five-year periods, unless either Party gives six months notice that it does not wish the Agreement to be renewed.

2. The Agreement may be terminated at any time at the discretion of either Party upon six months' advance notification in writing by the Party seeking to terminate it.

3. Upon entry into force, this Agreement shall supersede the Agreement Relating to Scientific and Technological Cooperation between the United States of America and the Republic of Finland, signed March 22, 1985, as amended and extended October 23, 1990.¹

4. The termination of this Agreement shall not affect the carrying out of any project or program undertaken under this Agreement or any of its implementing arrangements and not fully executed at the time of the termination of this Agreement.

DONE at Washington, in duplicate, in the Finnish and English languages, both texts being equally authentic, this sixteenth day of May, 1995.

For the Government
of the Republic of Finland:

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¹ United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 1412, p. 3, and vol. 1689, No. A-23637.