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**UNITED NATIONS
INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATION
and
ITALY**

**Agreement concerning the institutional arrangements for the
International Centre for Science and High Technology.
Signed at Vienna on 9 November 1993**

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AGREEMENT¹ BETWEEN THE UNITED NATIONS INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATION AND THE GOVERNMENT OF ITALY CONCERNING THE INSTITUTIONAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE INTERNATIONAL CENTRE FOR SCIENCE AND HIGH TECHNOLOGY

WHEREAS Article 2 (j) of the Constitution of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization² (hereinafter referred to as "UNIDO") provides that UNIDO shall promote, encourage and assist in the development, selection, adaptation, transfer and use of industrial technology, with due regard for the socio-economic conditions and the specific requirements of the industry concerned, with special reference to the transfer of technology from the industrialized to the developing countries as well as among the developing countries themselves;

WHEREAS the General Conference of UNIDO took note by GC.4/Res.14 that an international centre for science and high technology will be established as described in document GC.4/39 of the General Conference;

WHEREAS the Government of Italy (hereinafter referred to as "the Government") has welcomed the establishment of the International Centre for Science and High Technology (hereinafter referred to as "ICS") and has declared its readiness to provide UNIDO with financial, logistical and other support, including the necessary premises, for ICS;

¹ Came into force on 30 April 1996 by notification, in accordance with article X.

² United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 1401, p. 3.

WHEREAS the objective of ICS is to develop and strengthen the scientific and technological capabilities of developing countries in the creation and application of scientific knowledge;

WHEREAS the paucity of research capacities in developing countries can be overcome by providing scientists from developing countries with training and access to state-of-the-art equipment and facilities relevant to the development of science-based industry;

WHEREAS the beneficiaries of the activities of ICS will be scientists from developing countries and, through them, the technologists and industrialists in such countries;

WHEREAS it is expected that contributions from further donors interested in the activities of ICS will be received;

NOW THEREFORE the Government and UNIDO hereby agree as follows:

ARTICLE I

Legal Status

1. The International Centre for Science and High Technology is established within the legal framework of UNIDO as a scientific institution with autonomy as defined in the present Agreement.

2. The ICS will comprise three institutes:
- (a) The International Institute for Pure and Applied Chemistry;
 - (b) The International Institute for Earth, Environmental and Marine Sciences and Technologies, and
 - (c) The International Institute for High Technology and New Materials.
3. The headquarters of ICS, including facilities for the three institutes referred to in paragraph 2 above, will be located in Trieste, Italy, and facilities for the International Institute for Earth, Environmental and Marine Sciences and Technologies will also be established in Venice.

ARTICLE II

Objectives

The objectives of ICS will be the following:

- a) to further, for the benefit of developing countries, the utilization of applied science for peaceful aims, and the development of science-based technologies;
- b) to promote and stimulate high-level research with a direct involvement of developing countries' scientists, and

- c) to provide conditions and structures for the professional promotion of scientists and technicians of developing countries.

ARTICLE III

Functions

To fulfill the objectives mentioned in Article II, ICS will carry out the following main functions: long-term and short-term training; research; conduct of workshops and scientific meetings; operation of a scheme of visiting scientists and associates; advisory services, cooperation with industry, cooperation with and affiliation of relevant national institutions, transfer of technologies.

ARTICLE IV

Activities

The three institutes will carry out activities selected from one or more of the following subject areas:

- (a) The International Institute for Pure and Applied Chemistry: macromolecules, catalysis, reactivity, computer chemistry, synthesis, fine pharmaceuticals and interfacial phenomena.
- (b) The International Institute for Earth, Environmental and Marine Sciences and Technologies: recent advances in geophysics prospecting, earthquake prediction and