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

**THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF CYPRUS
And
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
(hereinafter referred to as "the Parties"),**

CONSIDERING the importance of science and technology for their economic and social development;

RECOGNIZING that the Parties are pursuing research and technological activities in a number of areas of common interest, and that participation in each other's research and development activities on a basis of reciprocity will provide mutual benefits; and

DESIRING to establish a formal basis for cooperation in scientific and technological research that will extend and strengthen the conduct of cooperative activities in areas of

common interest and encourage the application of the results of such cooperation to their economic and social benefit.

HAVE AGREED AS FOLLOWS:

ARTICLE 1

Purposes

1. The purposes of the Agreement between the Government of the Republic of Cyprus and the Government of the United States of America on Science and Technology Cooperation ("Agreement") are to strengthen scientific and technological capabilities 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 for peaceful purposes.
2. The Parties shall encourage, develop and facilitate cooperative activities in fields of common interest where they are pursuing research and development activities in science and technology.

ARTICLE 2

Definitions

For the purposes of this Agreement:

- (a) "Cooperative activity" means any activity that the Parties undertake or support pursuant to this Agreement;
- (b) "Information" means scientific or technical data, results or methods of research and development stemming from cooperative activities, and any other data relating to cooperative activities;
- (c) "Intellectual Property" shall include the subject matter listed in Article 2 of the Convention Establishing the World Intellectual Property Organization, done at Stockholm July 14, 1967, and may include other subject matter as agreed by the Parties.
- (d) "Participants" means any individual or entity, including, inter alia, the Parties' scientific and technological organizations and agencies, private persons, undertakings, research centers, universities, university-colleges, subsidiaries of U.S. and Cypriot entities, or any other form of legal entity involved in cooperative activities.
- (e) "Science" shall include all fields of research.

ARTICLE 3

Principles

Cooperative activities conducted pursuant to this Agreement shall be conducted on the basis of the following principles:

- (a) Mutual benefit based on an overall balance of advantages;
- (b) Reciprocal opportunities to engage in cooperative activities;
- (c) Equitable and fair treatment for the participants; and
- (d) Timely exchange of information that may affect cooperative activities.

ARTICLE 4

Areas of Cooperative Activities

- (a) Priority will be given to collaboration that can advance common goals in science and technological research.
- (b) Scientists, technical experts, governmental agencies and institutions of third countries or international organizations may be, in appropriate cases, invited by the two Parties to participate, at their own expense unless otherwise agreed, in projects and programs being carried out under this Agreement.

ARTICLE 5

Forms of Cooperative Activities

- (a) Subject to applicable laws, regulations and policies, the Parties shall foster, to the fullest extent practicable, the involvement of participants in cooperative activities under this Agreement with a view to providing comparable opportunities for participation in their scientific and technological research and development activities.
- (b) Cooperative activities may take the following forms:
 - 1. coordinated research projects;
 - 2. joint task forces;
 - 3. joint studies;
 - 4. joint organization of scientific seminars, conferences, symposia and workshops;
 - 5. training of scientists and technical experts;
 - 6. exchanges or sharing of equipment and materials;
 - 7. visits and exchanges of scientists, engineers or other appropriate personnel; and
 - 8. exchanges of scientific and technological information as well as information on practices, laws, regulations and programs relevant to cooperation under this Agreement.

ARTICLE 6

Coordination, Facilitation and Implementation of Cooperative Activities

- (a) The Planning Bureau shall coordinate and facilitate cooperative activities under this Agreement on behalf of the Republic of Cyprus. The Department of State's Bureau of Oceans, International Environmental and Scientific Affairs, Office of Science and Technology Cooperation shall coordinate and facilitate cooperative activities under this Agreement on behalf of the United States.
- (b) 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.

(c) 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. The Agreement Coordinators shall arrange meetings as necessary, including meetings of the Joint Committee, to discuss and review the implementation of this Agreement, matters of importance in the field of science and technology, and policy issues related to the overall science and technology relationship between the Parties.

(d) Moreover, each Party will designate a point of contact for the notification and approval of requests for authorization for access to the waters under national jurisdiction for the purpose of scientific research, and will treat those requests with diligence, taking into account the significance of these activities to the advancement of scientific knowledge.

(e) Government agencies of the Parties may conclude under the present Agreement implementing agreements or arrangements, as appropriate, in specific areas of science and technology. These implementing agreements or arrangements shall cover, as appropriate, topics of cooperation; procedures for transfer and use of materials, equipment and funds; and other relevant issues.

(f) The present Agreement is without prejudice to other science and technology agreements and arrangements between the Parties. The Parties shall endeavour, where appropriate, to bring under the terms of this Agreement new arrangements for scientific and technological cooperation between the Parties that fall under the scope of Article 4.

ARTICLE 7

Joint Committee

(a) In carrying out the responsibilities under 6(a), the Parties may establish a Joint Committee to coordinate, facilitate, and review cooperative activities under this Agreement, composed of representatives designated by the Parties. A Joint Committee would be co-chaired by the designated official of the Planning Bureau of the Government of the Republic of Cyprus and a designated official of the Department of State of the Government of the United States. Such a Joint Committee may hold consultations on general science and technology issues, exchange information, establish task forces and working group as appropriate; consult experts as appropriate and needed, and otherwise work to increase mutual understanding of the Parties activities and programs related to science and technology. The Joint Committee would meet when both sides consider it necessary to discuss common goals and implementation of the Agreement. In-person meetings of the Joint Committee would alternate between Cyprus and the United States, or as agreed to by the Parties.

(b) The functions of the Joint Committee may include:

1. Identifying areas of common interest;
2. Overseeing and recommending activities under the Agreement;
3. Advising the Parties on ways to enhance cooperation consistent with the principles set out in this Agreement;
4. Reviewing the efficient and effective functioning of the Agreement;

ARTICLE 8

Funding and Legal Considerations

(a) Cooperative activities shall be subject to the availability of appropriated funds, resources, and personnel and to the applicable laws and regulations, policies and