

PROTOCOL

on Scientific and Technological Cooperation between the Department of Science and Technology of the Ministry of Science and Technology of the Republic of India and the State Committee of Science of the Ministry of Education and Science of the Republic of Armenia

The Department of Science and Technology of the Ministry of Science and Technology of the Republic of India and the State Committee of Science of the Ministry of Education and Science of the Republic of Armenia (hereinafter referred to as "Parties"),

Expressing their desire and mutual interest in deepening of cooperation in the fields of Science and Technology between the Parties,

Convinced that realization of joint projects, scientific exchanges will promote strengthening of friendship between the Parties,

With the purpose of strengthening the earlier established contacts within the framework of Agreement between Government of the Republic of India and the Government of the Republic of Armenia on Cooperation in the fields of Science & Technology concluded on 25th March 1994 at New Delhi,

Proceeding from the main dispositions provided by the Programme of Cooperation in the fields of Science and Technology between the Government of the Republic of Armenia and the Government of the Republic of India for the period of 2012-2015,

The two Parties have agreed upon the following Protocol on scientific and technological cooperation:

Article 1

Within the framework of the present Protocol the Parties shall foster the cooperation between scientific organizations, universities and research groups and will strengthen the cooperative links between scientific communities of both countries.

Article 2

The Parties shall encourage cooperative projects of common interest between institutions and organizations of both countries and shall coordinate the bilateral funding of joint research projects of particular mutual interest, which include the following spheres:

- Earthquake and related Disaster Mitigation
- Astrophysics
- Nuclear Medicine
- High Energy Physics
- Pharmacology
- Innovative Technologies
- Information and Communication Technologies

The terms and conditions of funding joint research projects will be established separately within the frames of the Joint Call to be launched by the Parties. In the frames of the joint projects the exchange of young scientists/researchers/experts/engineers on short and long term visits will be encouraged by both Parties.

Article 3

The Parties shall support the organization of bilateral joint conferences, seminars, workshops and exhibitions.

Article 4

Protection and distribution of intellectual property rights obtained in the course of cooperation under present Protocol shall be realized in accordance with national legislation and international agreements of the states of both Parties.

Article 5

This Protocol does not affect the rights and obligations of the Parties arising from other international treaties to which they are parties.

Article 6

The present Protocol shall remain valid for a period of 5 years and shall enter into force on the day of signing. The period of validity of the Protocol shall automatically be prolonged for another 5 years unless one of the Parties in writing informs the other Party of its intention to terminate the Protocol 6 months prior to expiry.

The present Protocol may be modified and amended through the written agreement of the Parties via separate records. Such records shall become the inseparable part of the present Protocol.

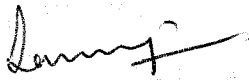
Any arguments and disagreements during the interpretation and implementation of the present Protocol shall be settled via negotiations.

The expiry and the terminations of the present Protocol shall not affect the contracts signed within the Protocol in action, if the Parties have not agreed otherwise.

The present Protocol is done in Yerevan on 1 April 2016, in 2 original copies, in Hindi, Armenian, and English languages, with all texts being equally authentic. In case of doubt in interpretation or application of articles of the Protocol, the Parties shall follow the English text.

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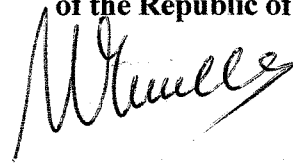
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