

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
between
Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO)
of the Republic of India
and
King Abdulaziz City for Science and Technology (KACST)
of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia
on
Cooperation in the field of Peaceful Uses of Outer Space

The Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO) of the Republic of India and the King Abdulaziz City for Science and Technology (KACST) of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, hereinafter referred to as the "Parties";

Taking into account the New Delhi Declaration signed on 27 of the month of Alhijja 1426 (Hijra), corresponding to 27 January 2006 (Gregorian), by the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques King Abdullah Bin Abdulaziz and His Excellency the Prime Minister of India Dr. Manmohan Singh on the occasion of the completion of the formal visit to India by the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques;

Recalling the Agreement of Economic and Technical Cooperation between the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and the Republic of India;

Aspiring to establish and develop mutually beneficial cooperation in the field of space on the basis of equality;

Recognising the necessity of creating legal and institutional terms for effective cooperation between the Parties as well as associated institutes of both countries in the field of peaceful use of outer space;

Have agreed as follows:

ARTICLE 1

The Parties, in accordance with the provisions of this Memorandum, their respective national legislations in both countries and the rules of international law, agree to cooperate in the field of peaceful use of outer space based on equality and mutual benefits.

ARTICLE 2

The Parties agree to cooperate in the following fields;

- (i) Remote Sensing of the Earth, Space Meteorology and Disaster Management.
- (ii) Satellite Communications and navigational systems.
- (iii) Space science and exploration.
- (iv) Capacity building in Space Science, Technology and Applications.

ARTICLE 3

Bilateral cooperation under Article 1 of this Memorandum may be carried out in the following forms:

- (i) Implementation of joint programmes and projects of mutual benefit.
- (ii) Training and exchange of personnel, exchanges of scientists and other specialists, and facilitating their participation in joint research activities and projects, as determined by the Parties.
- (iii) Holding of conferences, symposia, exhibitions and other joint events.
- (iv) Other forms of cooperation as mutually agreed upon by the Parties.

ARTICLE 4

- 1) The joint projects in the field of space activities shall be executed through terms and conditions agreed in separate Protocols or Work Arrangements.
- 2) The separate Protocols or work arrangements referred to in Paragraph 1, shall include inter-alia provisions regarding financing, customs regulation, export control, technology safeguards, information exchange, and protection of intellectual property rights and other legal and organisational issues of bilateral cooperation.

ARTICLE 5

- 1) The Parties shall hold regular consultations through the Coordinators of the two sides set out in paragraph 2 of this article.
- 2) The designated Coordinator for ISRO is **the Scientific Secretary, ISRO**. The designated Coordinator for KACST is **the Vice President for Research Institutes**.
- 3) The Parties may establish Joint Working Groups for the purpose of studying issues of co-operation and preparation of coordinated proposals, activities of which shall be implemented on the basis of arrangements or Protocols between the Parties.
- 4) The Parties shall provide mutual assistance and consultative aid to each other in the process of studying the national legislations in appropriate fields and other public information required for implementation of space activities.

ARTICLE 6

- 1) This Memorandum of Understanding shall enter into force after the passage of thirty days from the date of notification through diplomatic channels confirming the completion of the procedures required for formal entry into force.
- 2) This Memorandum shall remain valid from the date of its entry into force for an indefinite period unless one of the Parties give a six months notice in writing through diplomatic channels to terminate it. Such termination shall not affect the implementation of cooperative activities undertaken prior to the submission of the termination request unless otherwise agreed upon by the Parties.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned, being duly authorised thereof have signed this Memorandum of Understanding in the City of Riyadh on the 14 Rabea Alawal, 1431 H, corresponding to February 28, 2010; two original copies each, in Arabic, Hindi, and English languages, all texts being equally authentic. In case of discrepancy in the interpretation of the provisions of this memorandum, the English text will prevail.

For

**The Indian Space Research
Organisation (ISRO)**



**Anand Sharma
Commerce & Industry Minister
Government of India**

For

**The King Abdulaziz City for
Science and Technology
(KACST)**



**Dr. Mohammed I. Al Suwaiyel
President, KACST**