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**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN  
THE DEPARTMENT OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY,  
THE REPUBLIC OF INDIA AND  
THE NATIONAL NATURAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION OF CHINA,  
THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA**

Noting the present extent of collaboration in science and technology between Indian and Chinese scientists;

Desiring to promote an increased level of collaboration between scientists of the two countries;

The Department of Science and Technology of India (hereafter referred to as DST) and The National Natural Science Foundation of China (hereafter referred to as NSFC) (hereafter referred to as "Parties");

HAVE AGREED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

The Parties will maintain and develop cooperative research activities in the field of natural sciences within the framework of the Agreement on Cooperation in Science and Technology between the Government of India and the Government of the People's Republic of China signed on 22 December 1988 in Beijing.

Article 2

The cooperative activity will be undertaken within the scientific remits and budgetary appropriations of both sides. The Parties will each use their own assessment and funding mechanisms for proposals for collaborating activity.

Article 3

Collaborative activities will be undertaken in the fields of natural sciences with emphasis on Physical Sciences, Mathematical Sciences, Chemical Sciences and Biological Sciences.

#### Article 4

Further areas may be added to the list provided in Article 3 at any time by mutual agreement between the Parties.

#### Article 5

The Parties recognize that as a first step, a practical means of initiating collaboration between scientists of the two countries is provided by holding meetings of equal numbers of researchers from each side alternately in India and China. Such meetings are known as N+N. The host country meets in-country expenses and the other side is responsible for international travel costs.

#### Article 6

The Parties undertake to encourage other forms of collaboration, including individual outgoing and incoming visits by leading scientists and joint research in areas on subjects identified as a priority by scientists of both sides. Such collaboration can be based on the relationship built by N+N meetings, or on other established relationships. The host country meets in-country expenses and the other side is responsible for international travel costs.

#### Article 7

The Parties shall carry out the following activities:

- i) to identify priority areas for cooperation, in addition to those listed in Article 3, in consultation with each other, and taking into account both academic and financial feasibility;
- ii) to establish the framework of cooperation for each selected area (key institutions, key persons, forms of cooperation, financing etc.);
- iii) to review on-going programmes and consult each other about the continuation;

- iv) to maintain close exchange of information between each other;
- v) to ensure that the cooperation will bring real benefits to the development of science and technology in both countries.

#### Article 8

DST and NSFC will assign a person as the contact point to coordinate and implement the tasks indicated in this MOU.

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#### Article 9

The Parties hereby agree to review the operation of this MOU within two (2) years of the date of the signature and every two (2) years thereafter. Such review would be initiated by a report by each contact person on activities during the period and completed by a meeting between the parties.

#### Article 10

This MOU will enter into force from the date of its signature and shall remain in force for a period of five (5) years; and shall be automatically extended for further period of five (5) years, unless one of the Parties give a written notice to

the other side of its intention to terminate this MOU six (6) months before the expiry of the said period.

Done in Beijing on Monday, June 23, 2003 in two originals, in Hindi, Chinese and English languages. In case of any divergence, the English text shall prevail.



For the Department of Science  
and Technology of India

The Republic of India



For the National Natural  
Science Foundation of China

The People's Republic of China