

# MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

on Scientific and Research Cooperation

between

the STATE COMMITTEE OF SCIENCE OF THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION AND  
SCIENCE

Republic of Armenia

and

the BULGARIAN NATIONAL SCIENCE FUND

Republic of Bulgaria

The State Committee of Science (hereinafter referred to as "SCS") of the Ministry of Education and Science, Republic of Armenia and the Bulgarian National Science Fund (hereinafter referred to as "BNSF"), Republic of Bulgaria (hereinafter referred to as "Parties"),

Expressing their desire and mutual interest in establishing efficient cooperation in the fields of Science and Research amongst the Parties,

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

With the purpose of strengthening of the earlier established contacts within the framework of Agreement between the Government of the Republic of Armenia and the Government of the Republic of Bulgaria on Cooperation in the Fields of Culture, Education and Science signed on 25 April, 1994,

The two Parties have agreed upon the following Memorandum of Understanding (hereinafter referred to as "MoU") on scientific and technological cooperation:

## Article 1

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

## Article 2

The Parties shall encourage cooperative/joint projects and scientific events of common

interest between institutions and organizations of both countries and shall coordinate the bilateral funding of joint research projects of particular mutual interest.

The terms and conditions of funding joint research projects and scientific events will be established by a separate agreement to be signed between the Parties.

#### **Article 3**

The Parties shall encourage the exchange of scientists and researchers (hereinafter - scientific personnel) on short and long term visits, giving priority to young scientists.

#### **Article 4**

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

#### **Article 5**

The Parties shall assist each other in the exchange of scientific publications and literature, including the materials published with the assistance of each of the Parties, wherein their mutual exchange shall take place in accordance with the legislation applicable for each of the States.

#### **Article 6**

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

#### **Article 7**

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

#### **Article 8**

The Parties shall have the right to introduce amendments and additions to this MoU by mutual agreement. The proposed and accepted by Parties amendments and additions shall be drawn up as a separate agreement and the integral part of the MoU.

#### **Article 9**

During the final year of cooperation, this MoU will be subject to review and potential extension.

#### **Article 10**

Either Party may terminate this MoU effective at the end of any fiscal year by giving six months written notice to the other Party.

#### **Article 11**

The present MoU shall remain valid for a period of 5 years and shall enter into force on the day of signing.

**Article 12**

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

**Article 13**

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

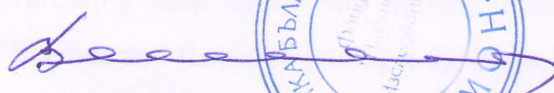
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