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Memorandum of Understanding

between

Paul Scherrer Institut (PSI) – 5232 Villigen PSI –Switzerland

and

State Committee of Science of Ministry of Education and Science (Armenia)

On the 25th of August 2011 a Delegation of the Republic of Armenia visited the Paul Scherrer Institut to discuss the CANDLE Synchrotron Light Facility Project in Armenia.

Armenian representatives: Prof. S. Haroutiunian and Prof. V. Tsakanov

PSI representatives: M. Jermann (Vice-Director), Prof. L. Rivkin,
Prof. J. F. van der Veen and Dr. T. Garvey

PSI and Armenian scientists have a long standing tradition of mutually beneficial collaboration in the field of synchrotron light sources and free electron lasers.

The present state of collaboration, the science policy in Armenia and the scientific, technical and user community aspects of the proposed 3 GeV CANDLE project in Armenia and the first phase of project realization were discussed.

Both sides agreed on the importance of the Armenian decision to start up the first phase of project realization with the construction of a linear accelerator laboratory in the CANDLE Institute.

Both sides value highly the potential of the proposed 3 GeV CANDLE light source to become a major large scientific infrastructure in the region, beneficial for the entire international synchrotron light user community.

To further strengthen the collaboration activities both sides agreed to promote

- Exchange of expertise
- Development of joint research programs
- Training of young scientists and engineers
- Organisation of collaboration workshops



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