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**Accordo di cooperazione scientifica relativamente all'Antartico  
tra l'Italia e l'Australia, con Allegato**

*(Entrata in vigore: 10 agosto 1992)*

**ARRANGEMENT**  
**for**  
**SCIENTIFIC COOPERATION IN RELATION TO ANTARCTICA**  
**between**  
**ITALY and AUSTRALIA**

In the spirit of international cooperation which has characterised scientific investigation under the Antarctic Treaty

Wishing to enhance the existing cooperation between the agencies responsible for their respective national programs in Antarctica

With the aim of encouraging scientific research on projects of mutual interest and of providing opportunities for the exchange of ideas and personnel

Australia and Italy have reached the following Arrangement for Scientific Cooperation in relation to Antarctica.

**General Provisions**

1. The two national technical bodies responsible for activities in Antarctica (for Italy, The National Scientific Commission for Antarctica and for Australia, the Antarctic Division of the Department of the Arts, Sport, the Environment and Territories) will promote cooperative activities having particular regard to the areas listed in the Annex to this Arrangement. Each activity will be implemented according to the operating procedures of the Party host to that activity. Each Party will advise the other of its operating procedures in so far as they are relevant to the proposed activity.

2. Cooperative activities may take any of the following forms:

- (i) exchanges of scientific and other personnel;
- (ii) joint research projects;
- (iii) exchanges of information;
- (iv) logistic and technological cooperation;
- (v) other forms of cooperation as may be mutually decided between the Parties.

3. Joint research projects and joint projects of logistic and technological cooperation will be developed by ad hoc working groups of experts with the aim of developing a joint program of cooperative activity and of reaching mutual understandings on logistic arrangements. The working groups will operate informally, utilizing telephone conferences where practical and taking advantage of opportunities provided by travel planned for other official purposes. The first meeting of a joint working group will be held within 120 days of the signature of the present Arrangement.

4. Working groups will nominate a project officer from each Party in respect of each selected activity. The project officers will act as contact points and will assume responsibility for following up the work carried out and for project administration.

5. To encourage the development of proposals for cooperative activities, scientists and other personnel of the Antarctic Division will be encouraged to visit their counterparts when travelling in Europe and scientists and other personnel involved in the Italian national program for scientific and technological research in Antarctica will be encouraged to visit their counterparts when travelling in the vicinity of Australia.

#### **Exchange of Personnel**

6. To facilitate the development of cooperative activities, the Parties may arrange to exchange scientific or other personnel to work in establishments, on board vessels or in Antarctic stations operated by either Party.

7. Unless otherwise mutually determined by the Parties, the following arrangements will apply to exchange personnel serving with the Antarctic expedition of the other Party:

- (i) the invited Party will cover all expenses of its personnel up to the point of departure for Antarctica and following return from Antarctica;
- (ii) the host Party will be responsible for the support of the invited Party's personnel whilst in Antarctica and during travel between the embarkation point and Antarctica;
- (iii) the costs of any specialised equipment required for a research program shall normally be borne by the invited Party. Agreement may, however, be reached regarding the use of specialised equipment already available to the host Party.

8. In the case of exchange personnel serving other than with the Antarctic expedition of the other Party, the invited Party will meet the expenses of its own personnel, unless otherwise mutually decided.
9. The invited Party will complete, to the satisfaction of the host Party, an appropriate form of indemnity against liability arising as a result of injury, death, loss or damage occurring in the course of an exchange project.
10. If necessary to facilitate meaningful research programs, an exchange scientist may spend time in a research institution of the host Party for preparatory work, familiarisation or other activities prior to embarkation for Antarctica and, after returning from Antarctica, for evaluation and preparation of reports. Unless otherwise decided, the expense of the support of exchange scientists while engaged in such activities will be borne by the invited Party. The host Party will provide appropriate laboratory or research facilities.
11. The invited Party will ensure that, before commencing an exchange program in Antarctica, the personnel involved will pass any medical tests and participate in any field training that may be required by the host Party as a condition of participation in its Antarctic expedition. The cost of any such medical tests will be borne by the invited Party.
12. The Parties will ensure that the personnel involved in an exchange program in Antarctica have an adequate command of the language in use at the particular Antarctic facility or that other provision is made so that the personnel will be able to participate constructively in the program and comply with the safety requirements of the host Party.
13. Unless otherwise mutually decided, the invited Party will bear the costs incurred by its exchange personnel in communicating with their home country while on an exchange program.

#### Joint Projects

14. Prior to commencing a joint project, a mutual understanding will be reached on the following points:
- (i) the title and description of the planned project;
  - (ii) the names of the project leaders and other personnel involved, including the names of the project officers nominated in accordance with paragraph 4 of this Arrangement;
  - (iii) the division of activities between the Parties;

- (iv) the financial responsibilities of the Parties for the execution of the project; and
- (v) the duration of the planned project.

At the end of a joint project, the project leaders of each Party will report on the results obtained to their respective home authorities.

15. Unless otherwise mutually arranged, it is the understanding of the Parties that all results obtained from joint research projects carried out under this Arrangement will be shared by the Parties. The results of collaborative research will normally be published under the names of the researchers, wherever possible on a joint basis, and should include details of their affiliations and an acknowledgement that the work was carried out under the present Arrangement.

#### Final provisions

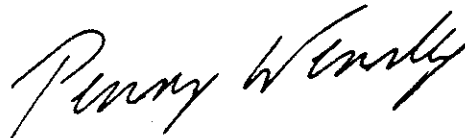
- 16. This Arrangement will be subject to periodic review. It may be amended at any time by mutual arrangement through an exchange of letters between the Parties. The Annex to this Arrangement may be amended at any time by mutual consent.

17. This Arrangement will enter into effect on the date of signature and will remain effective for five years thereafter. It will be automatically renewed for periods of one year unless, at least three months prior to the renewal date, written notice of termination is given by one of the Parties.

Signed at Canberra this tenth day of August 1992 in the English language.

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**ANNEX**

It is the understanding of the Parties that, in the first instance, consideration will be given to personnel exchanges and cooperative research projects in the following fields:

- (a) glaciology, with special emphasis on remote sensing of the sea-ice zone;
- (b) LIDAR measurements of the stratosphere, environmental monitoring and magnetosphere observations;
- (c) deep seismic investigations aimed at Gondwana reconstructions;
- (d) biology in relation to CCAMLR (such as ecosystem monitoring or krill research); and
- (e) programs for Italian scientists at Australian stations, particularly in the fields of upper atmosphere physics, limnology and terrestrial botany.