

**JOINT DECLARATION
FOR CO-OPERATION IN SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH AND TECHNOLOGY
BETWEEN
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE ITALIAN REPUBLIC
AND
THE GOVERNMENT OF AUSTRALIA**

THE GOVERNMENT OF THE ITALIAN REPUBLIC AND THE GOVERNMENT OF AUSTRALIA (hereinafter called "the Parties") wishing to encourage the development of bilateral relations and to strengthen cooperation in scientific research and technology

JOINTLY DECLARE AS FOLLOWS

The aim of this Joint Declaration is to promote and support cooperation in scientific research and technology between Italy and Australia in fields of common interest as indicated hereinafter, through common plans worked out by governmental bodies, universities, cultural and scientific institutions of the two Parties.

1. Each Party will encourage a cooperative activity, undertaken jointly by people or bodies from the Countries of the two Parties (hereinafter called "Participants") that will be conducted on the basis of the following principles:

- (a) conformity with the relevant national laws, rules and regulations;
- (b) mutual benefit;
- (c) encouragement of Participants to provide effective protection and equitable distribution of any intellectual property and other property brought to, created in or resulting from such cooperative activities;
- (d) full and timely exchange of information relevant to the cooperative activities;
- (e) shared costs of cooperation, taking into account respective risks and benefits and availability of funds; and
- (f) cooperation in the promotion of research and development results with the purpose of maximizing economic and social benefits and the industrial development of both countries.

2. Cooperative activities between the Parties will be restricted to those directed to peaceful purposes. The priority sectors for cooperation between the Parties will be the following:

- agribusiness - especially for Mediterranean climate (olives, vines, wheat);
- automation - especially robotics and machine tools;

health - especially pharmaceuticals and tele-health;
information and communication technology;
biotechnology;
new materials - especially nanotechnology and light metals;
environmental technologies;
clean energy technologies; and
oceanography.

Other areas of cooperation could be based on the priorities proposed for the Sixth Framework Program of the European Union:

genomics and biotechnology for health;
information society technologies;
nanotechnology, intelligent materials and new production processes;
aeronautics and space;
food Safety and health risks;
sustainable development and global change;
citizens and governance in the European knowledge-based society.

3. Means for pursuing cooperative activities may include the following:

joint research projects;

exchange of publications, documentation and technical and other information relevant to cooperation;

participation of research institutions, bodies (corporate or otherwise) and other persons engaging in joint research projects conducted by Participants from Italy or from Australia;

shared use of research facilities in pursuit of cooperation on research projects;

visits and exchange of scientists, engineers and other appropriate personnel for the purposes of participation in seminars, symposia, workshops, and research projects.

4. It is the sole responsibility of prospective and actual Participants to take all necessary steps, including obtaining expert professional advice, to ensure that their legal and commercial positions are adequately protected and to ensure adequate legal and physical protection for background intellectual property, existing intellectual property, foreground intellectual property and confidential information.

5. Where a Participant from one country wishes to visit the other country for the purposes of advancing a cooperative activity, the Participant will meet all costs associated with that visit. Each Party will use its best efforts to facilitate entry to and exit from its territory of personnel, material and equipment associated with activities under this Joint Declaration, in accordance with its laws and regulations.

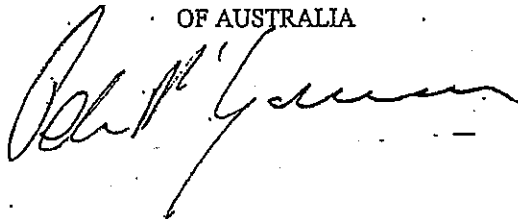
6. In order to give a tangible accomplishment to the present Joint Declaration, the Parties commit themselves to enter into negotiations to conclude some agreements in the scientific and technological field, if such agreements will facilitate mutually beneficial outcomes.

Signed at MELBOURNE.....on the 25th of MARCH day of 2002 in two originals, each in the Italian and English languages, both texts being equally authentic.

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OF THE ITALIAN REPUBLIC



FOR THE GOVERNMENT
OF AUSTRALIA





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Si trasmette in allegato l'originale della Dichiarazione indicata in oggetto sottoscritta con me dal Ministro federale per le Scienze Peter McGauran, in occasione dell'apertura della Mostra-Convegno sull'innovazione tecnologica tenutasi a Melbourne dal 25 al 28 marzo 2002.

L'Ambasciatore
Dino Volpinelli

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