

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

BETWEEN

**THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION AND RESEARCH
OF THE KINGDOM OF NORWAY**

AND

**THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND ICT
OF THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA**

ON

SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL COOPERATION

INTRODUCTION

The Ministry of Education and Research of the Kingdom of Norway and the Ministry of Science and ICT of the Republic of Korea (hereinafter jointly referred to as the “Sides” and separately as “Side”);

RECOGNISING that scientific and technological cooperation on the basis of equality, common interest and mutual benefit is an important foundation for the friendly relationship between the Sides;

ACKNOWLEDGING the value of science and technology and the necessity to strengthen their relationship for the mutual benefit of both countries;

TAKING INTO ACCOUNT the rapid growth of scientific and technological knowledge as well as the increasing internationalisation of science and technology;

DESIRING to encourage cooperation between relevant funding bodies of both Sides in the fields of basic and applied research and innovation; and

SEEKING to foster cooperation between the Sides in scientific and technological research and innovation, which will strengthen and extend the quality of cooperative activities in areas of common interest and encourage the application of the results of such cooperation for their economic and social benefit;

HAVE REACHED the following understanding:

PARAGRAPH 1
OBJECTIVE

The objective of this Memorandum of Understanding is to promote cooperative activities in the field of science and technology on the basis of equality and mutual benefit and in accordance with the applicable national laws and regulations of the respective Sides.

PARAGRAPH 2
INSTITUTIONS, ORGANISATIONS AND INDIVIDUALS

- (1) The Sides will promote cooperation and exchange of information in the field of science and technology through encouraging direct contacts between scientific and technological institutions and organisations, including governmental institutions, national funding bodies, institutions of higher education, science academies, and their national centres for scientific and technological research.
- (2) The Sides will encourage the participation of scientists, researchers and experts in joint projects within the framework of relevant national, European and international programmes, in accordance with their respective national laws and regulations.

PARAGRAPH 3
FIELDS OF COOPERATION

The cooperation provided for in Paragraph 1 will, in particular, take the following forms:

- (a) explore joint efforts for the exchange of scientists, researchers and experts for bilateral scientific and technological activities by the Sides;
- (b) explore the mutual opening of national research programmes between national funding bodies of the Sides ;

- (c) exchange of information on scientific and technological activities and of documentation, publications and policy papers pertaining to science and technology;
- (d) fostering of open science approaches in joint efforts including by ensuring full and immediate open access of research outputs
- (e) convening of bilateral scientific and technological events, including conferences, workshops and meetings as a preparation for joint participation in international multilateral cooperation;
- (f) facilitation of the training of young scientists and researchers based upon the principles of mutual support and reciprocity; and
- (g) any additional forms of cooperation and support for joint research projects that may be jointly decided upon by the Sides.

PARAGRAPH 4
JOINT COMMITTEE

- (1) The Sides will establish a Joint Committee for the implementation of this Memorandum of Understanding.
- (2) The Joint Committee will:
 - (a) consult on basic questions related to scientific and technological cooperation;
 - (b) discuss and decide upon the areas and forms of cooperative activities under this Memorandum of Understanding, with particular attention paid to calls for proposals for bilateral scientific and technological cooperation projects, and the evaluation, selection and approval of project proposals; and
 - (c) monitor and evaluate the progress of scientific and technological cooperation under this Memorandum of Understanding.
- (3) The Joint Committee will meet once every two years, alternately in the Kingdom of Norway and in the Republic of Korea.
- (4) The language of communication of the members of the Joint Committee will be English.

PARAGRAPH 5
FINANCING

- (1) Each Side will be responsible for its own costs relating to the implementation of this Memorandum of Understanding. The Side hosting a meeting of the Joint Committee will provide the venue and secretarial services for the meeting.
- (2) Financial arrangements for the cooperation activities referred to in Paragraph 3 will be discussed by the Joint Committee referred to in Paragraph 4.

PARAGRAPH 6
INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

Issues pertaining to intellectual property rights arising from the cooperative activities under this Memorandum of Understanding will be subject to the national laws and regulations of the Sides as well as the international agreements on intellectual property rights to which the two countries are party.

PARAGRAPH 7
AMENDMENT

This Memorandum of Understanding may be amended by mutual written consent of the Sides.

PARAGRAPH 8
RESOLUTION OF DIFFERENCES

Any differences arising from the interpretation or implementation of this Memorandum of Understanding will be resolved amicably through consultations or negotiations of the Joint Committee.

PARAGRAPH 9
GENERAL PROVISIONS

- (1) This Memorandum of Understanding will not create any legal or financial obligations under national or international law.
- (2) This Memorandum of Understanding will be carried out within the framework of the respective laws and regulations of the two countries and subject to the availability of appropriated funds and personnel of the Sides.

PARAGRAPH 10
EFFECTIVENESS, DURATION AND CANCELLATION

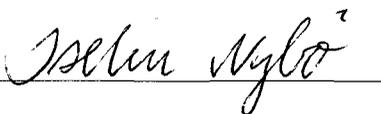
- (1) This Memorandum of Understanding will become effective on the date of signature and will continue to have effect for six (6) years, after which it will be renewed automatically for successive six-year periods unless cancelled by either Side.
- (2) This Memorandum of Understanding may be cancelled by either Side at any time by giving written notice to the other Side. The cancellation will become effective six (6) months after the date of the aforementioned notice.
- (3) The cancellation of this Memorandum of Understanding will not affect any joint activities that have already commenced and not yet been completed at the time of cancellation.

Signed in duplicate in Seoul, on 5th November 2019, in English language.

**For the Ministry of
Education and Research
of the Kingdom of Norway**

**For the Ministry of
Science and ICT of
the Republic of Korea**

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