

SOUTH AFRICA



Treaty Series No. 62 (1995)

Agreement

between the Government of the
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
and the Government of the Republic of South Africa
on Co-operation in Science and Technology

Cape Town, 27 February 1995

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**AGREEMENT
BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE
UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND
AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA
ON CO-OPERATION IN SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY**

The Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Republic of South Africa;

Desiring to further promote the close and friendly relations existing between their two countries, and being aware of the rapid expansion of scientific knowledge and of its positive contribution in promoting bilateral and international co-operation;

Wishing to broaden the scope of scientific and technological co-operation through the creation of a productive partnership for peaceful purposes and for mutual benefit; and;

Pursuant to the letter of intent signed on 20 September 1994¹ by the Prime Minister of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the President of the Republic of South Africa;

Have agreed as follows:

ARTICLE I

The two Governments shall develop co-operative activities in such areas of science and technology as may be mutually agreed for peaceful purposes.

ARTICLE II

Co-operative activities under this Agreement may include:

- (a) Meetings of various forms, such as those of experts, to discuss and exchange information on scientific and technological aspects of general or specific subjects and to identify research and development projects and programmes that may be usefully undertaken on a co-operative basis;
- (b) Exchange of information on activities, policies, practices, laws and regulations concerning research and development;
- (c) Visits and exchange of scientists, technical personnel, or other experts on general or specific subjects;
- (d) Implementation of agreed co-operative projects and programmes; and
- (e) Other forms of co-operative activities as may be mutually agreed.

ARTICLE III

1. Implementing arrangements setting forth the details and procedures of specific co-operative activities under this Agreement may be made between the two Governments or their agencies, whichever is appropriate.

ARTICLE IV

1. For the purpose of effective implementation of this Agreement, the two Governments shall establish a Joint Committee, the functions of which shall be:

- (a) Exchanging information and views on scientific and technological policy issues;
- (b) Reviewing and discussing the co-operative activities and accomplishments under this Agreement, and
- (c) Providing advice to the two Governments with regard to the implementation of the Agreement, which may include identification and proposition of the co-operative activities thereunder and encouragement of their implementation.

¹ Not published.

2. The Joint Committee shall meet alternately in the United Kingdom and the Republic of South Africa at mutually agreed times.

ARTICLE V

1. Scientific and technological information of a non-proprietary nature arising from the co-operative activities under this Agreement may be made available to the public by either Government through customary channels and in accordance with the normal procedures of the participating agencies.

2. In accordance with the laws and regulations of the respective countries and with relevant international agreements to which the United Kingdom and the Republic of South Africa are or will become parties, the two Governments shall ensure the adequate and effective protection and fair distribution of intellectual property rights or other rights of a proprietary nature resulting from the co-operative activities undertaken pursuant to this Agreement. The two Governments shall consult one another for this purpose as necessary.

ARTICLE VI

1. Implementation of this Agreement shall be subject to the availability of appropriate funds and in accordance with the applicable laws and regulations of each country.

2. Costs for the co-operative activities under this Agreement shall be borne as may be mutually agreed.

ARTICLE VII

Nothing in this Agreement shall be construed to prejudice other agreements for co-operation between the two Governments existing at the date of signature of this Agreement or concluded thereafter.

ARTICLE VIII

1. This Agreement shall enter into force on the date of the signature thereof. It shall remain in force for two years and shall continue in force thereafter unless terminated by either Government at the end of the initial two-year period or at any time thereafter by giving to the other Government at least six months written advance notice of its intention to terminate this Agreement.

2. The termination of this Agreement shall not affect the carrying out of any project or programme undertaken under this agreement and not fully executed at the time of the termination of this Agreement.

In witness whereof, the undersigned, being duly authorised by their respective Governments, have signed this Agreement.

Done at Cape Town this 27th day of February 1995.

For the Government of the United Kingdom
of Great Britain and Northern Ireland:

For the Government of the Republic of
South Africa:

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