



**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN
THE ITALIAN NATIONAL RESEARCH COUNCIL
AND
THE MONGOLIAN ACADEMY OF SCIENCES**

The Italian National Research Council (**CNR**) and the Mongolian Academy of Sciences (**MAS**) hereinafter referred to as the Parties,

DESIRING to promote, develop and strengthen the relationship between both countries;

RECOGNIZING the importance of promoting the development of specific scientific and technological cooperation programs as well as activities related to the exchange of information and experience between both Parties;

Agree as follows:

ARTICLE I

Objectives

The objective of this MoU is to promote cooperation in scientific and technological research between CNR and MAS, on a basis of equality and mutual benefit and interest, as well as to promote and support cooperation between qualified scientists in fields of research of most interest to both Parties.

The Parties encourage flexible cooperation and exchange of scientists among research teams of both countries.

**ARTICLE II
Cooperation Areas**

To achieve the objective referred on Article I, the Parties shall carry out cooperation activities, directed and not limited to the areas of mutual interest and especially in:

- a) Cultural Heritage
- b) Human Sciences
- c) Archaeology
- d) Paleontology
- e) Physics
- f) Biological and Medical Sciences
- g) Geological Sciences

ARTICLE III Cooperation Modalities

The cooperation between the Parties may be made by the following modalities:

- a) joint research projects;
- b) joint workshops and seminars;
- c) exchange of scientists.
- d) exchange of scientific documentation

ARTICLE IV Implementation and Funds

The implementation of this MoU will be through a separate Cooperation Program describing the scope of activities which will be determined according to the availability of funds at both Institutions for the types of collaboration undertaken. Each Party will cover the costs of their own participants to the above activities and will be subject to the funding availability in each Party's budget, established in the dedicated Cooperation Program.

Moreover, the Parties agree as follows:

- a) To take into consideration scientific and technological priorities of the Parties, in the context of their respective objectives, plans, projects and institutional strategies;
- b) Each Party will designate a coordinator, who will be responsible for the follow-up of activities related to this MoU. CNR designates the International Relations Office and Mas - the International Cooperation Department.

Article V Intellectual Property

Intellectual Property arising from the collaborative activities carried under the Memorandum of Understanding shall be the property of the participant carrying out the work generating that Intellectual Property.

Where several participants have jointly carried out work generating Intellectual Property and where their respective share of the work cannot be ascertained, they shall have joint ownership of such Intellectual Property.

An agreement shall be established regarding the allocation and terms of exercise of joint ownership.

**Article VI
Duration**

Upon signature by each Party, this MoU shall come into effect for a period of five years or until otherwise terminated earlier in writing by either Party. Extension, modifications or other changes may be made as agreed to in writing by both Parties. Termination will incur no liability on either side, and will not affect any agreements or other legally-binding arrangements in place between the two Parties.

This Memorandum is signed in two original copies, both in English.

For the Italian National
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For the Mongolian Academy of Sciences

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President



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President



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