Agreement on Scientific Cooperation between

the National Research Council of Italy

and

the Chinese Academy of Cultural Heritage

The National Research Council of Italy (CNR) and the Chinese Academy of Cultural Heritage (CACH) (hereinafter referred to as the Parties), have agreed on the following provisions:

Article I. Purpose

The purpose of this Agreement is to further strengthen cooperation in research and development between the Republic of Italy and the People's Republic of China. The Parties will, on a basis of equality and mutual benefit, promote and support cooperation between their researchers in research areas of most interest to both Parties.

Article II. Forms of Cooperation and Implementation

- 1. Within this Agreement cooperation may include:
 - Joint research projects;
 - Other cooperative activities as may be mutually agreed upon.
- 2. The details of each form of cooperation shall be decided by the Parties in the Cooperative Programme. This shall contain among other provisions the title, description, duration and the financial arrangements of the joint research projects, or any other initiatives that have been selected by the Parties, as well as the names of the scientists participating in the research projects.

Article III. Practice

Each Party will cover the costs of the participant researchers from its own country. The number of projects and any other cooperative activities to be supported each year will be contingent upon funding availability in each Party's budget, which will be established in the Cooperative Programme.

Article IV. Observance of Regulations

Participating researchers abide by the laws of the receiving country and regulations of the host institutions.

Article V. Intellectual Properties

Intellectual property rights shall belong to the researcher's and/or the researcher's employing institutions. Due acknowledgement of support received from the Parties should be made in any publication resulting from the research.

Article VI. Other Matters

Administrative procedures and implementation details not stipulated in this Agreement will be provided separately in the Cooperative Programme or agreed upon via correspondence.

Article VII. Validity, Amendment, Termination

The present Agreement will come into force on the date of its signing and continue thereafter for four years. It will be automatically renewed for periods of 6 years unless written notice is given by one of the Parties at least six months prior to the renewal date. In the event of either side terminating the Agreement, existing activities will be brought to an orderly conclusion.

This Agreement is signed in 2 authentic originals in English.

Signed in Rome on November 7, 2014

For the National Research

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