# MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE ENVIRONMENTAL PPOTECTION AGENCY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND THE ENVIRONMENT ADMINISTRATION OF THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) of the United States of America and the Environment Administration (EA) of the Republic of Korea (hereinafter referred to as the Parties), recognizing that strong national environmental programs contribute not only to the protection of the national environments but to that of the global environment as well, that cooperation between national environmental authorities is of mutual benefit at both the national and global level, that sound economic and social policies require the development and application of anticipatory environmental controls, and that harmonious policies, regulations and practices contribute to the social and economic well-being of states and groups of states;

have agreed as follows:

# Article I

The Parties will maintain and enhance bilateral cooperation in the field of environmental affairs on the basis of equality, reciprocity, and mutual benefit.

#### Article II

Cooperation may be undertaken in mutually agreed areas pertaining to environmental protection and improvement, such as:

- (a) pollution abatement and control which comprise: air pollution control, including control of emissions from mobile and stationary sources; water pollution control, including municipal and industrial waste-water treatment; coastal and marine pollution control; agricultural runoff and pesticide control; solid waste management and resource recovery; control and disposal of toxic substances; studies on health, biological, and genetic effects of environmental degradation.
- (b) other areas of environmental protection and improvement as may be agreed.

#### Article III

The Parties agree that cooperation under this Memorandum of Understanding may include the following forms:

- Exchange of manpower including scientists, scholars and specialists to promote transfer of knowledge and experience on environmental protection technology;
- Exchange and provision of scientific and technical information in the field of environmental protection;
- 3. Joint research on subjects of mutual interest;
- 4. Joint organization of symposia, seminars, lectures on environment;
- 5. Other forms as may be mutually agreed upon.

# Article IV

For joint projects on research and development of environmental techniques and technologies, unless otherwise agreed, there shall be no exchange of funds, each side providing resources adequate to carry out its responsibilities. It is expressly understood that the ability of each side to carry out long-term activities is subject to the availability of appropriated funds, and that both sides will seek to ensure long-term funding for projects and activities which are of necessity of a long-term nature. No financial commitment can be made without concurrence of appropriate authorities on each side.

For exchange of personnel, including short-term technical assistance and consultancies, and unless otherwise agreed, the requesting side will provide the resources necessary to fund activities.

#### Article V

The heads of the International Office of the Parties shall be responsible for the management of this cooperative program. They shall make an annual review of cooperation addressing in addition future policy directions and research plans. They shall also be responsible for furthering the appropriate participation of other U.S. and Korean organizations (governmental, business and academic) in the activities conducted under this Memorandum.

#### . Article VI

This Memorandum shall come into force on the effective date of the extension and amendment of the Agreement Relating to Scientific and Technical Cooperation between the United States Government and the Government of the Republic of Korea and shall remain in force for five years. It shall be automatically renewed for further five year periods unless either Party notifies the other three months prior to the expiration of one of those five year periods of its desire that the Memorandum be terminated. This Memorandum also may be terminated at any time by either Party upon six months' notice to the other Party. The termination of this Memorandum shall not affect the validity of any arrangements initiated under its provisions, but not yet completed at the time of termination.

## Article VII

This Memorandum shall be subject to the provisions of the Agreement Relating to Scientific and Technical Cooperation between the United States Government and the Government of the Republic of Korea, as amended.

### Article VIII

This Memorandum may be amended at any time by mutual agreement of the Parties in writing.

# Article IX

Done at Seoul, Korea, in duplicate, in the English and Korean languages, both texts being equally authentic, this Second day of November 1987.

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