

Joint Declaration
by
The Minister of Science, Education and Sports
of the Republic of Croatia
and
The Minister of Science and Technology
and Earth Sciences
of the Republic of India

We, the Minister of Science, Education and Sports of the Republic of Croatia and the Minister of Science and Technology and Earth Sciences of the Republic of India;

ACKNOWLEDGING the importance of strengthening scientific and technological cooperation between Croatia and India;

Reiterating the significance of the Agreement between the Government of the Republic of Croatia and the Government of the Republic of India on Cooperation in the fields of Culture, Education, Science, Technology and Sports, dated March 5, 1999;

Pursuing the Programme of Cooperation in science and technology for the period 2005-08 being implemented by the Ministry of Science, Education and Sports on the Croatian side and the Department of Science & Technology on the Indian side (hereinafter referred to as Parties)

WISHING to further expand and intensify two way exchanges between the scientific R and D communities of Croatia and India;

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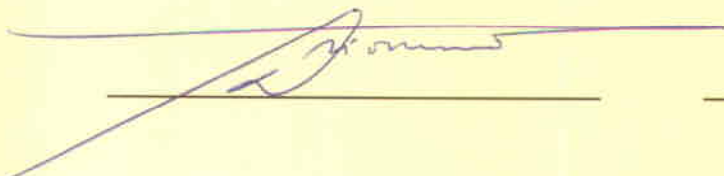
1. The Parties shall further strengthen bilateral cooperation in scientific R and D, by intensifying and developing cooperation in the following fields: environment, oceanography, biotechnology, pharmacology, nanotechnology and shipbuilding.
2. That, with a view to effectively pursuing the above objective, the Parties agreed to establish a Joint Fund of one million Euros, for which each Party will make an equal contribution. The next meeting of the Joint Committee shall be

organized within three months to develop modalities and identify projects under this Fund.

3. Both Parties agreed to work out joint projects for FP7 Programme of EU.
4. Indian Party agreed to the participation of its scientists in peer reviews/evaluations of Croatian national R & D projects. Indian Party will provide to the Croatian Party a list of Indian experts/institutions for this purpose.
5. Both Parties agreed to collaborate in the use of GIS technologies, especially in applications in coastal areas.
6. The Parties shall develop and adopt appropriate plans of action and cooperation, to effectively implement the objectives of this Declaration.

Done and signed in duplicate in English in Zagreb on February 2, 2007, both texts being equally authentic.

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