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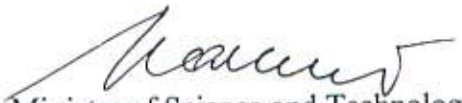
Based on the discussions on the issues concerning science and technology, held in Oslo in May 1998 as well as on the interest of researchers and scientists of both countries, Dr. Lojze Marincek, Minister of Science and Technology of the Republic of Slovenia, and Mr. Jon Lilletun, Minister of Education, Research and Church Affairs of the Kingdom of Norway, hereby express their intent to strengthen and promote co-operation in the fields of scientific research and technological development between the Republic of Slovenia and the Kingdom of Norway.

This process will be pursued within the existing legislative and regulatory measures of each country and will be based upon the existing contacts between the scientific and research institutions and scientists and researchers of both countries and upon the co-operative relations yet to be established. Both sides will encourage the establishment of new co-operation links and provide informational support to this effect.

Viewing the successful bilateral co-operation as a basis for incorporation of mutual research results into multilateral programmes and thus their further development, the two ministries will pay special attention to the fields mutually agreed upon as priorities. Both sides will encourage policies regarding participation in international research and development programmes.

The two ministers agree that favourable atmosphere to further develop the bilateral co-operation has been established and will endeavour to further improve these conditions for the benefit of both sides.

Done in Oslo 12 May 1998 in two originals in the English language.


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of the Republic of Slovenia


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