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**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
and  
ITALY**

**Memorandum of Understanding for co-operation in the  
field of health and medicine (with annex). Signed at  
Rome on 21 November 1977**

*Authentic texts: English and Italian.*

*Registered by the United States of America on 22 October 1979.*

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**ÉTATS-UNIS D'AMÉRIQUE  
et  
ITALIE**

**Mémorandum d'accord relatif à la coopération dans le  
domaine de la santé et de la médecine (avec annexe).  
Signé à Rome le 21 novembre 1977**

*Textes authentiques : anglais et italien.*

*Enregistré par les États-Unis d'Amérique le 22 octobre 1979.*

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING<sup>1</sup> BETWEEN THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, EDUCATION, AND WELFARE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH OF THE ITALIAN REPUBLIC FOR COOPERATION IN THE FIELD OF HEALTH AND MEDICINE

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The Department of Health, Education, and Welfare of the United States of America and the Ministry of Health of the Italian Republic,

Realizing the importance of working together to resolve common problems in health and medicine,

Recognizing the existence of broad mutual interests in the control of diseases and the promotion of health services,

Desiring to strengthen the links already existing between the scientific communities in both countries, [the] United States of America and [the] Republic of Italy, as recognized in the Agreement for Scientific Co-operation, signed in Washington on June 19th, 1967,<sup>2</sup> whose validity was extended to June 19th, 1980, by exchange of letters signed in Rome on August 25th and September 10th, 1975,<sup>3</sup>

Have agreed as follows:

*Article I. GENERAL PRINCIPLES*

The Department of Health, Education, and Welfare of the United States of America and the Ministry of Health of the Italian Republic—hereinafter referred to as the Parties—shall enhance and expand cooperative efforts in health and medical science according to the following general principles:

All activities shall be conducted on the basis of equality, reciprocity and mutual benefit.

The cooperation provided for in this Memorandum shall not affect relations currently established between institutions or individuals of the United States of America and the Italian Republic. Rather, the Parties shall attempt to identify new areas for joint activities and to avoid unnecessary duplication.

Joint activities, where possible, will be coordinated with, or supportive of, the activities and goals of other international health bodies, including especially the World Health Organization.

*Article II. AREAS OF COOPERATION*

The Parties agree to provide for an expansion of cooperation across a broad range of mutual interests. Initial efforts will be directed at developing joint activities addressing their common problems in the areas of:

- Health aspects of environmental pollution;
- Foods, especially the safety of additives and coloring;

<sup>1</sup> Came into force on 21 November 1977 by signature, in accordance with article VI.

<sup>2</sup> United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 686, p. 43.

<sup>3</sup> *Ibid.*, vol. 1020, p. 532.

- Pharmaceuticals;
- The prevention of heart disease;
- Cancer;
- Drug abuse; and
- Biomedical communications.

Other specific areas will be identified from time to time by mutual agreement of the Parties or their designees.

### *Article III. METHODS OF COOPERATION*

The methods of cooperation provided for in this Memorandum shall include but not be limited to:

- Coordinated scientific research protocols and programs;
- Exchange of specialists, delegations, and information;
- Organization and conduct of colloquia, scientific conferences, and lectures.

The Parties also agree to encourage and facilitate the establishment of direct relationships between institutions and individuals in the two countries which are not within the direct jurisdiction of the Parties or their implementing bodies.

### *Article IV. ORGANIZATION OF COOPERATION*

For each area of cooperation, and initially for those specific areas identified in article II, the Parties or their designees will identify a coordinator from their country to oversee the practical implementation of activities. These area coordinators may be expected to organize work groups of experts and to meet periodically with their counterparts as is necessary to fulfill mutually agreed responsibilities.

The Director, Office of International Health, Department of Health, Education, and Welfare, is designated as responsible for fulfilling the terms of this Memorandum within the purview of the United States of America. The Head of International Relations, Ministry of Health, Italy, is designated as responsible for fulfilling the terms of this Memorandum within the purview of the Republic of Italy. The organs entrusted with the application of this Memorandum of Understanding are listed in annex I.

### *Article V. FINANCING*

Both Parties agree that the financing of the programs provided for in this Memorandum shall be drawn from the funds allocated in the budget for their respective ministries, subject to the availability of funds and the laws and regulations of both countries. In general, each side shall bear the costs of its participation.

### *Article VI. TERM OF MEMORANDUM*

This Memorandum shall enter into force upon signature and remain in force until June 19th, 1980, after which it will be extended for successive three-year

periods unless one Party notifies the other of the termination thereof not less than six months prior to its expiration.

DONE on November 21st, 1977, in Rome, in duplicate in the English and Italian languages, both texts being equally authentic.

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of the United States of America:

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#### ANNEX I

##### *United States of America*

##### *Italy*

Department of Health, Education and Welfare

Ministero della Sanità

—National Institutes of Health  
—Food and Drug Administration  
—Alcohol, Drug Abuse and Mental Health Administration

—Dir. Gen. Serv. Farmaceutico  
—Dir. Gen. Serv. Igiene Pubblica  
—Dir. Gen. Serv. Igiene degli Alimenti e Nutrizione  
—Dir. Gen. Serv. Medicina Sociale  
—Istituto Superiore di Sanità  
—Istituto di ricovero e cura a carattere scientifico sul cancro (Milano, Roma, Napoli)