

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE ITALIAN REPUBLIC AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE KINGDOM OF NEPAL

The Government of the Italian Republic and the Government of the Kingdom of Nepal, hereinafter referred to as "the Parties",

recognizing the traditional and growing cooperation between the two Countries in the scientific, technological and archaeological sectors, both within the national and international domains;

with the intent to consolidate and enlarge such cooperation toward the accomplishment of other scientific and cultural aims, in particular in the fields of physiopathology, environmental sciences, geology, geodesy, geophysics, botanics and zoology, energy and new materials, and in the sectors of historical, philological, epigraphical and anthropological research and restoration of archaeological sites and finds, for the benefit of the scientific communities of the two Countries;

acknowledging the existing scientific and technological cooperation agreement between the National Research Council of Italy (CNR) and the Ev-K2-CNR Committee and the Royal Nepal Academy of Science and Technology (RONAST), and other Nepalese scientific institutions, concerning the Ev-K2-CNR Project and the research programmes developed by the Pyramid Observatory-Laboratory, agreement which was recently renewed for five (5) years, starting from the 1st of January, 1996;

acknowledging the existing scientific cooperation between Institute for the Middle and Far East Studies (ISMEO), now called Is. IAO (The Italian Institute for Africa and Orient), and the Department of Archaeology of HMG, signed on 30 November 1984, covering the sectors of archaeological research and restoration;

acknowledging the Agreement Protocol between the Italian National Alpine and Spelunking Rescue Team (CNSAS - special section of Italian Alpine Club) and the Himalayan Rescue Association (HRA), in particular in cooperative activities in training programmes about intervention methods for mountain rescue, including early medical intervention;

have agreed upon the following :

ARTICLE 1

The Parties declare their respective interest in developing the scientific and technological cooperation between the two Countries and the implementation of research projects mainly in but not confined to the fields mentioned in the Preamble.

ARTICLE 2

In order to achieve such aim, the Parties trust that their own scientific institutions, in the first place the CNR and the ISMEO (Is. IAO) on the Italian side and the RONAST on the Nepalese side, leaving open the identification in the future of other interested institutions in both Countries, shall cope with the task of putting forward and implementing multi-disciplinary joint research programmes, promoting the exchange of research workers and organizing bilateral Symposia, Seminars, Workshops and Cultural Exhibitions.

ARTICLE 3

The Parties will, within the limits set forth by their existing laws and regulations, allow, free of Customs duties, the temporary or permanent importation of materials and equipment for the exclusive use of their research workers and necessary for the implementation of the research programmes.

The Parties will likewise issue free of charge the required visas, entry and travel permits for the stays of their research workers in their territory and allow their extensions if necessary.

ARTICLE 4

Within the frame of this Memorandum and for the purposes of enlarging the existing scientific cooperation, the institutions of the two Countries, referred to in Article 2 above, are free to stipulate additional and specific agreements.

ARTICLE 5

The present Memorandum of Understanding shall enter into force at the date when the two Parties shall notify each other the fulfillment of the respective internal procedures provided for this aim.

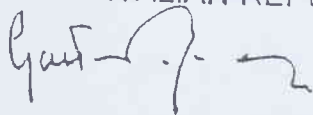
The present Memorandum will be valid for five (5) years, with automatic renewal for an equal period, unless any of the parties will express, through diplomatic channels, its own will to put an end to it before the date of expiration.

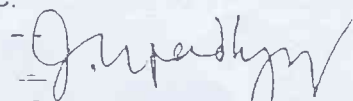
Any amendments and/or additions, if any, to the present Memorandum shall be the object of negotiation between the Parties and once agreed upon, will be confirmed in writing under an additional document which will form integral part of the present Memorandum.

In witness thereof the undersigned Representatives, duly authorised by their respectively Governments, have signed the present Memorandum of Understanding.

Done in Kathmandu on the 30th of March, 1998 in two originals, each in the Italian and English languages, both texts being equally authentic.

FOR THE GOVERNMENT
OF THE ITALIAN REPUBLIC




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