

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING FOR SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL  
COOPERATION BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF  
AMERICA AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF ITALY IN THE FIELD OF  
WATER RESOURCES

Signed at Rome on 24 June 1968

The Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Republic of Italy recognize that cooperation between their respective countries in the field of water resources will be of mutual benefit and that such cooperation promotes and strengthens the bonds of friendship and understanding between the peoples of the two countries.

In the interest of the benefits accruing to their countries and to mankind generally, the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Republic of Italy agree as follows:

1. The two Governments will undertake scientific and technical cooperation in the field of water resources with particular reference to water desalting and water pollution control.
2. Cooperation relating to desalting, water pollution control, waste water recovery, conservation of water and other phases of water resource development which will be of benefit of each country in domestic programs, to the extent the parties agree thereon, may include the following types of activities: exchange of scientists, pursuit of joint research projects and consultation or convocation of joint seminars to exchange information and to discuss and plan cooperative efforts. The cooperating agencies shall by an exchange of letters or other appropriate arrangement mutually agree on the exact purpose of each separate and definable activity entered into under the Understanding. The arrangements between the cooperating agencies shall specify the parameters within which technical teams and scientists shall perform each given function.
3. The two Governments may, as occasion and opportunity permit, place on a multilateral basis the scientific cooperation envisaged by the Understanding. In addition, the two Governments may promote participation by agencies or scientists of other countries whenever appropriate in the activities initiated under the Understanding.
4. The two Governments may specify any of their respective departments or agencies as appropriate to carry out each cooperative activity under this Understanding. The Government of the Republic of Italy designates the Consiglio Nazionale delle Ricerche as the agency of that Government for the general implementation of the Understanding.
5. The apportionment of costs and the designation of other cooperating agencies of each Government shall be mutually determined with respect to the implementation of each activity under this Understanding.
6. The cooperative agencies will publicly release all information and data developed as a result of any activity under the Understanding in accordance with their normal procedure.
7. The fulfillment of the obligation by the two Governments under the Understanding shall be subject to the availability of funds.
8. The Understanding shall enter into force upon signature and shall remain in force for two years unless extended by mutual agreement. The termination of the Understanding shall not affect the validity of any arrangements made under the Understanding.

DONE in duplicate at Rome, this 24th day of June, 1968, in the English and Italian languages, both texts being equally authoritative.