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Agreement Between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of Japan on Cooperation in the Field of Environmental Protection

The Government of the United States of America and the Government of Japan,

Believing that cooperation between the two Governments is of mutual advantage in coping with similar problems of environmental protection in each country and is essential in meeting the responsibilities of each Government for the protection and improvement of the global environment, and

Desiring to strengthen further such cooperation and to demonstrate its importance,

Have agreed as follows:

ARTICLE 1

The two Governments will maintain and promote cooperation in the field of environmental protection on the basis of equality, reciprocity, and mutual benefit. Such cooperation may take the following forms:

- (a) Meetings of various forms, particularly those of working-level experts to explore, discuss, and exchange information on technical and operational aspects of specific subjects and to identify projects which may be usefully undertaken on a cooperative basis;
- (b) Visits and exchanges of scientists, technicians, or other experts on specific or general subjects;
- (c) Implementation of agreed cooperative projects; and
- (d) Exchange of information and data on research and development activities, policies, practices, legislation and regulations, and analysis of operating programs.

ARTICLE 2

A Joint Planning and Coordination Committee will be established to discuss major environmental policy issues, to coordinate and review activities and accomplishments under this Agreement, and to make necessary recommendations to the two Governments with regard to the implementation of this Agreement. The Committee will meet, at the level of ministers where appropriate, as a rule once a year alternately in the United States of America and Japan.

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### ARTICLE 3

Cooperation may be undertaken in mutually agreed areas pertaining to environmental protection and improvement, such as:

(a) Pollution abatement and control, which comprise: air pollution control, including control of emissions from mobile and stationary sources; water pollution control, including municipal and industrial waste-water treatment; marine pollution control; agricultural runoff and pesticide control; solid waste management and resource recovery; control and disposal of toxic substances; noise abatement; studies on health, biological, and genetic effects of environmental degradation; and

(b) Other areas of environmental protection and improvement as may be agreed.

### ARTICLE 4

Implementing arrangements specifying the details and procedures of cooperative activities in the areas referred to in Article 3 will be made between the appropriate agencies of the two Governments.

### ARTICLE 5

The two Governments reaffirm that the recommendations of international organizations to which both countries are parties will be taken into account in formulating their respective environmental policies.

### ARTICLE 6

1. Scientific and technological information of a non-proprietary nature arising from the cooperative activities under this Agreement may be made available to the public by either Government through customary channels and in accordance with the normal procedures of the participating agencies.

2. The disposition of patents, designs, and other industrial property arising from the cooperative activities under this Agreement will be provided for in the implementing arrangements referred to in Article 4.

### ARTICLE 7

Nothing in this Agreement shall be construed to prejudice other arrangements or future arrangements for cooperation between the two Governments.

### ARTICLE 8

Activities under this Agreement shall be subject to budgetary appropriations and to the applicable laws and regulations of each country.

ARTICLE 9

The termination to this Agreement shall not affect the completion of any project and program undertaken in accordance with the implementing arrangements referred to in Article 4 and not fully executed at the time of the termination of this Agreement.

ARTICLE 10

1. This Agreement shall enter into force upon signature and remain in force for five years.

However, either Government may at any time give notice to the other Government of its intention to terminate this Agreement, in which case this Agreement will terminate six months after such notice has been given.

2. This Agreement may be extended by mutual agreement for a further specified period.

Done at Washington, on August 5, 1975, in duplicate, in the English and Japanese languages, both being equally authentic.

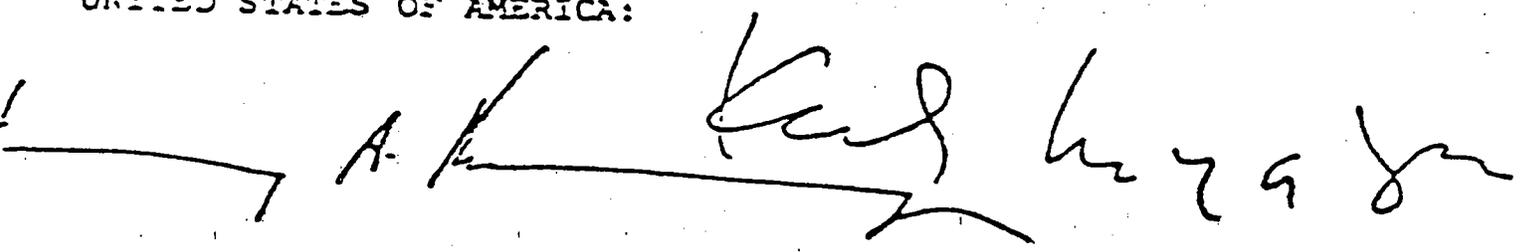
NOTE: The Agreement was extended for an additional five year period in August, 1980.

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Washington, August 5, 1975

FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF THE  
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA:

FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF JAPAN:

Handwritten signatures of representatives from the United States and Japan. The signature on the left is partially obscured by a horizontal line. The signature on the right is a cursive signature, likely of a Japanese representative.

Tokyo, July 31 , 1985

Excellency,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of Your Excellency's Note of today's date, which reads as follows:

"I have the honor to refer to the Agreement between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of Japan on Cooperation in the Field of Environmental Protection (hereinafter referred to as "the Agreement"), signed at Washington on August 5, 1975 and amended by the Exchange of Notes dated August 5, 1980 between the two Governments. I have further the honor to confirm, on behalf of the Government of the United States of America, the following understanding reached recently between the representatives of the two Governments:

The Agreement shall be extended for a period of five years from August 5, 1985 and shall continue in force thereafter until the expiration of six months from the day on which either Government shall give written notice of its intention to terminate the Agreement.

I shall be grateful if Your Excellency would be good enough to confirm, on behalf

His Excellency  
Michael J. Mansfield  
Ambassador Extraordinary  
and Plenipotentiary of  
the United States of America

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of the Government of Japan, the foregoing understanding.

This Note is done in the English and Japanese languages."

I have further the honor to confirm, on behalf of the Government of Japan, the foregoing understanding.

This Note is done in the Japanese and English languages.

I avail myself of this opportunity to renew to Your Excellency the assurance of my highest consideration.



Minister for Foreign Affairs  
of Japan