

ARRANGEMENT  
BETWEEN THE U.S. NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE  
AND  
THE KOREA METEOROLOGICAL ADMINISTRATION  
ON  
COOPERATION IN METEOROLOGY AND HYDROLOGY

**Preamble**

The U.S. National Weather Service (NWS) of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) and the Korea Meteorological Administration (KMA), hereinafter referred to as "the Participants,"

Concur on the importance of scientific and technical cooperation in the fields of meteorology and hydrology;

Desire to develop closer cooperation between the Participants in these fields and to promote joint efforts for their mutual benefit;

Reach, in accordance with the laws and regulations of each country, the understandings listed below to facilitate these common tenets.

**Paragraph 1**

The NWS and the KMA are responsible for coordinating with other organizations, which may be desirable to include in joint activities and programs, as appropriate and mutually agreed to.

**Paragraph 2**

The purpose of this Arrangement is to document understandings that facilitate the cooperation and coordination of activities and programs in meteorology and hydrology undertaken by the NWS and KMA. This Arrangement does not create binding legal obligations.

### **Paragraph 3**

The areas of cooperation under this Arrangement may include:

1. Operational weather forecasting;
2. Meteorological observations;
3. Meteorological telecommunications;
4. Aeronautical meteorology;
5. Satellite meteorology;
6. Other areas of cooperation as agreed upon by the Participants.

### **Paragraph 4**

Cooperation outlined in Paragraph 3 may include the following:

1. Exchange of operational meteorologists, technicians, research scientists and technical experts;
2. Exchange of scientific and technical information in the fields of meteorology and hydrology, including data, publications and research reports;
3. Implementation of joint research projects and joint organization of seminars, workshops, symposia and technical conferences;
4. Training in specialized fields;
5. Other forms of cooperation, as mutually agreed between the Participants.

### **Paragraph 5**

The Participants plan to conduct coordination meetings as necessary to review activities under this Arrangement and to determine plans for future activities. The date, venue and agenda of such meetings will be jointly decided following consultation between the Participants.

## Paragraph 6

Unless otherwise agreed, each Participant is expected to bear the cost of its participation and that of its personnel engaged in cooperative activities.

## Paragraph 7

Cooperative activities under this Arrangement are to be conducted in accordance with the applicable laws, regulations and procedures of each country and shall be subject to the availability of appropriated funds. Specific activities discussed and agreed upon by the Participants, including the tasks, obligations and conditions with respect to the conduct of such activities, shall be embodied in Annexes to this Arrangement.

## Paragraph 8

Scientific and technical information derived from the cooperative activities under this Arrangement may be made available to the world scientific community through customary channels. The application or use of any information exchanged or transferred between the Participants under this Arrangement is the responsibility of the receiving Participant with no guarantee by the supplier of the suitability of the information for any particular application.

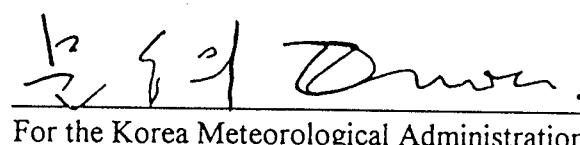
## Paragraph 9

Activities under this Arrangement are contemplated to begin upon signature, and continue for a period of five years

Signed in two originals, each in the English and Korean languages.

  
For the U.S. National Weather Service

Sep. 15, 2000, Washington, D.C.  
Date and Place:

  
For the Korea Meteorological Administration

Sep. 20, 2000, Seoul  
Date and Place: