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On the occasion of the 10th anniversary of the signing of a 'Letter of Intent' by Federal Minister Dr. Heinz Fischer and Minister Preeda Patanathabutr in 1984,

Wishing to intensify the scientific cooperation between Austria and Thailand,

The Austrian Federal Minister for Science and Research Dr. Erhard Busek and the Thai Minister for University Affairs Suthep Atthakor have agreed as follows:

- A Task Force for the years of 1994 and 1995 is to investigate the possibilities for a further increase of cooperation in all fields of science, research and technology, and to identify additional areas and new procedures of collaboration, with the main focus on the development of common research projects.
- The main duty of this Task Force shall be the formulation and reporting of recommendations to the two Ministers as a basis for a future common science policy and cooperation, with a special view to regional scientific networks between Austria and South-East Asia.
- The above mentioned Task Force shall consist of the following members:

Austria: Dr. Raoul KNEUCKER

Dr. Othmar HUBER

Representative of the Rector's Conference (Dr. Bernd M. RODE)

Thailand: Dr. Wichit SRISA-AN

Dr. Kanok WONGTRANGAN

Representative of the Council of Presidents of Governmental
Universities

The Task Force may coopt other experts whenever needed.

Both Ministers take note of the results of the first meeting of the Task Force having taken place in Vienna on 21st of March 1994 and express their contentedness with the following areas of cooperation to be intensified :

Agriculture and Veterinary Sciences

Computer Sciences and Applications, including International Networking

Fine Arts, Applied Arts, Music and Performing Arts.

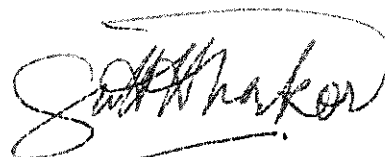
The Task Force may identify and encourage specific institutions on Both Sides to submit proposals for projects and other collaborative activities. The Task Force proposes that an expert group of the Austrian Schools of Art visit Thailand for elaborating details of cooperation.

The two Ministers express their deep satisfaction about the fruitful scientific cooperation between Austria and Thailand during the last decade. They confirm the effectiveness of the existing 'Letter of Intent' of 1984 and agree to continue and increase the efforts mentioned therein for fostering bilateral scientific exchange and projects.

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of the Republic of Austria



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