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of the Austrian-Indian Joint Committee for Scientific and Technological Co-operation implementing the Agreement between the Republic of Austria and the Republic of India on Scientific and Technological Co-operation, of 30th November 2007.

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The Austrian-Indian Joint Committee for Scientific and Technological Co-operation in accordance with Article 5 of the Agreement between the Republic of India and the Republic of Austria on Scientific and Technological Co-operation of 30th November 2007 decided to adopt and exchange this protocol by diplomatic post due to worldwide travel restrictions because of the Covid-19 pandemic.

1. Selection of projects for the period 2020-2022

In total 28 projects were received and based on the joint evaluation process undertaken by DST and BMBWF, 12 projects have been recommended from both sides. The Joint Committee agreed upon financing mobility costs of 12 cooperation projects lasting from 1st September 2020 to 31st August 2022 listed in Annex 2.

2. Adoption of the Work Programme

The Joint Committee adopted the Work Programme for the years 2020-2022.

The Work Programme includes regulations about the forms and aspects of co-operation, general administrative regulations, the administration of the exchange of scientists and experts as well as financial regulations.

A copy of the Work Programme for the years 2020-2022 is attached as part of this Protocol at Annex 1.

3. Next meeting and call for project proposals for the period 2020-2022

The Joint Committee has reached an understanding that upcoming calls for proposals will be published in principal on a biennial basis by the responsible institutions at least six months prior to the meetings of the Joint Committee for Scientific and Technological Co-operation.

The Parties also agreed to send the list of eligible proposals received on their side within 20 working days from the closure of the call.

The call for project proposals with duration 1st July 2022 until 30th June 2024, will be open in the third quarter of 2021.

Both parties have reached an understanding to hold the 6th Meeting of the Joint Committee in New Delhi in spring 2022. The exact date will be agreed upon through (diplomatic) notes by email.

5. Effectiveness of the Protocol

This Protocol will remain effective until 31st August 2022. It will remain effective beyond this date until a new Protocol becomes effective for a maximum period of another year.

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