

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING ON COOPERATION
BETWEEN
THE RUSSIAN FOUNDATION FOR BASIC RESEARCH
AND
THE SWEDISH RESEARCH COUNCIL**

1. The Russian Foundation for Basic Research (RFBR) and the Swedish Research Council (VR), hereafter called the Parties, agree to cooperate according to the following principles:
2. The cooperation will encompass science within the mutual competence of the two organisations. Specific areas may be selected for concentrated cooperation, as agreed by the Parties.

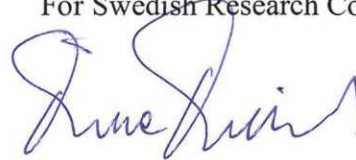

Modes of cooperation may include:

- Support of joint research programmes
 - Seminars and workshops
 - Exchanges of staff and of information on best practice
3. Each Party will bear the costs of its participation in the cooperation following the principle of sending side pays.
 4. The cooperation is expected to involve approximately the same level of effort by each Party but will not require an equal effort in each separate activity.
 5. When executed by both Parties, the Memorandum of Understanding shall remain in force until either Party notifies the other of their intention to terminate the agreement. The notification shall be made at least six months in advance of the termination of the agreement.
 6. Implementation guidelines will be jointly developed by the Parties for activities under this Memorandum of Understanding.

For Russian Federation for Basic Research

For Swedish Research Council

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