

**Joint Statement on Funding of Italian-Chinese Collaborative Research
Projects under the Memorandum of Understanding between the
Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation (MAECI)
and the National Natural Science Foundation of China (NSFC)**

In consideration of the present state of collaboration in science between Italy and China and taking into account the general Agreement for Cooperation in Science and Technology signed by the Government of Italy and the Government of the People's Republic of China on 9 June 1998;

Under the Memorandum of Understanding signed in Beijing on 17 November 2015, between the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of the Republic of Italy (hence referred to as MAECI) and the National Natural Science Foundation of China (hereafter referred to as NSFC);

In order to proceed with the implementation of the above mentioned Memorandum of 17 November 2015, the Italian delegation and the Chinese delegation met in Beijing on 14 November 2017 at the headquarters of the NSFC.

The Minister of Education, University and Research of the Republic of Italy, Valeria Fedeli, as the head of the Italian delegation, and President of the National Natural Science Foundation of China, Yang Wei, head of the Chinese delegation, in following the notice for the collection of proposals for scientific research projects published in Italy and in China from 8 May to 22 June 2017, have expressed their satisfaction for the particularly significant number of 115 joint proposals validly received.

At the end of the evaluation process of the submitted projects, it was agreed to select for joint financing from Italian side (MAECI, Minister of Education, University and Research and the Ministry of Health) and Chinese side (NSFC), the following research initiatives:

Research Area	Title	Italian Party	Chinese Party
New Materials , with particular reference to Two-dimensional systems and graphene	Graphene related INnovative 2D materials for Sustainable ENerGetics and catalysis (GINSENG)	Granozzi Gaetano Università di Padova	Zhang Yanfeng Peking University Beijing
New Materials , with particular reference to Two-dimensional systems and graphene	Novel nanostructured 2D materials-based membranes for new-concept fruitful fresh water production and gaseous streams purification (2DMemPur)	Gugliuzza CNR-ITM Rende	Jin Wanqin Nanjing Tech University
New Materials , with particular reference to Two-dimensional systems and graphene	3-Dimensional Graphene: Applications in Catalysis, Photoacoustics and Plasmonics	Marcelli Augusto INFN Frascati	Qu Liangti Beijing Institute of Technology
Environment , with particular reference to Urban Circular Economy	Analysis on the metabolic process of urban agglomeration and the cooperative strategy of circular economy	Ulgiati Sergio Università degli Studi di Napoli "Parthenope"	Yang Zhifeng Beijing Normal University
Physics and Astrophysics with particular reference to quantum technology and dark matter	Innovative electronics for neutrinos hierarchy measurements and dark matter searches with JUNO, a reactor neutrino experiment	Garfagnini Alberto INFN Padova	Jiang Xiaoshan IHEP
Physics and Astrophysics with particular reference to quantum technology and dark matter	Harnessing Color Entanglement For Information & Communication Technology (ICT)	Artoni Maurizio Università di Brescia	Wu Jin Hui Northeast Normal University
Health , with particular reference to personalized Medicine, Genomics and chronic diseases	The Role of p53 Family Members in Bone Remodeling and in the Development of Osteosarcoma	Melino Gennaro IDI-IRCCS	Wang Ying Shanghai Institutes Biological Sciences
Health , with particular reference to personalized Medicine, Genomics and chronic diseases	DNA methylation and microRNAs as biomarkers to predict psoriatic arthritis from psoriasis in monozygotic twins	Selmi Carlo Francesco IRCCS HUMANITAS - MI	Lu Qianjin Xiangya Hospital, Central South University
Health , with particular reference to personalized Medicine, Genomics and chronic diseases	Microenvironment Regulated Acetate Metabolism Pathway on Colorectal Metastasis and Prognosis	Familiari Giuseppe Università di Roma "La Sapienza"	Rui Chen Southeast University
Health , with particular reference to personalized Medicine, Genomics and chronic diseases	AID-mediated Mechanisms in Genomic Instability and Resistance/Progression in Chronic Lymphocytic Leukemia	Chiarle Roberto Universita' degli Studi di Torino	Yeap Leng Siew Shanghai Jiao Tong University

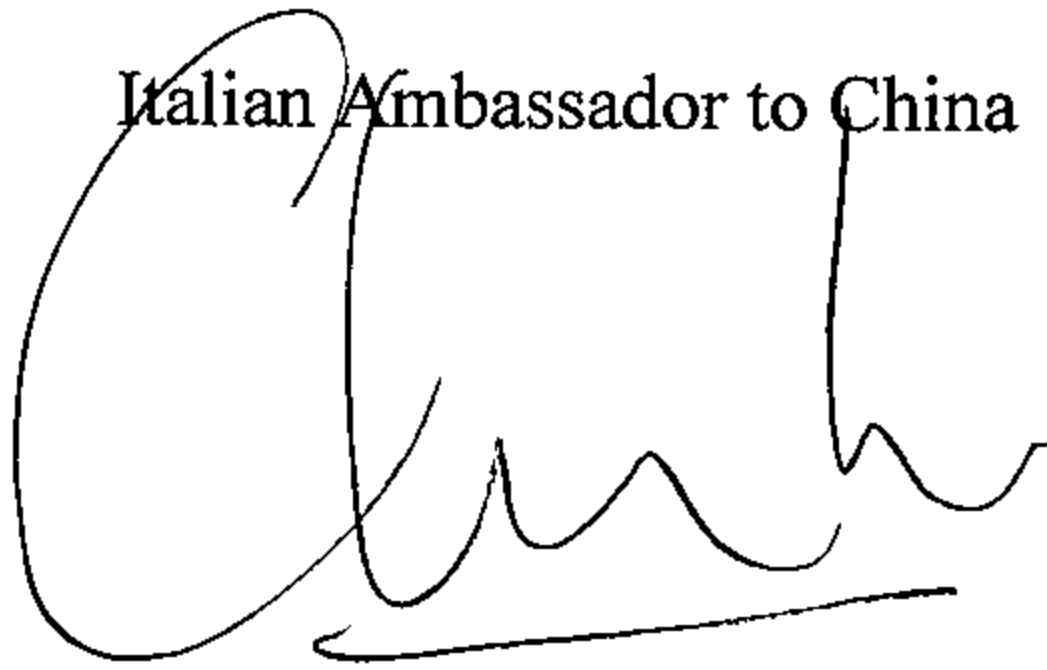
The two sides have agreed to proceed to co-funding, in the frame of annually funds available on their balance sheets, the above projects over the next three years.

Both parties will schedule a mid-term review of the above projects no later than December 31st, 2019.

For the Italian Delegation

Ettore Sequi

Italian Ambassador to China

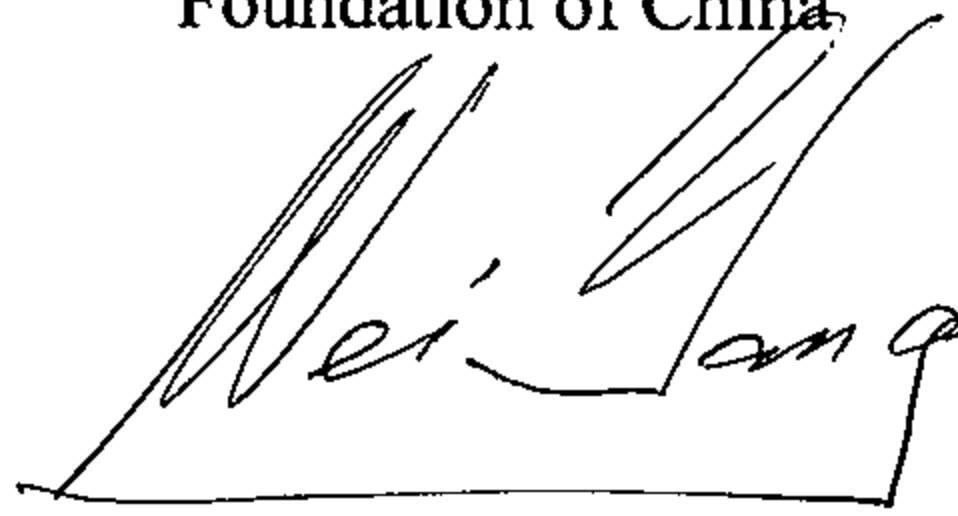
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Beijing, 13 November 2017

For the Chinese Delegation

Yang Wei

President, National Natural Science
Foundation of China

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