



*MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS*  
PARLIAMENT HOUSE  
WELLINGTON, NEW ZEALAND

8 April 1987

Excellency,

I have the honour to refer to discussions which have taken place between the authorities of New Zealand and the Republic of Italy regarding scientific cooperation in Antarctica and the provision of access to facilities in New Zealand for personnel, ships and aircraft of the Republic of Italy engaged in expeditions in Antarctica. As you know, New Zealand, by virtue of its geographical proximity to Antarctica, is well placed to provide assistance to Antarctic scientific research programmes.

For its part, New Zealand welcomes the accession by Italy to the Antarctic Treaty. We consider that the results of the discussions which have been held between our respective authorities will strengthen further the valuable cooperation which already exists between New Zealand and Italy in the scientific field.

.../Accordingly

H E Mr Giorgio De Andreis

Ambassador


Embassy of Italy

WELLINGTON

Accordingly, I have the honour to propose that the results of those discussions will be recorded as an Agreement between our two Governments in the following terms:

- 1 (a) The two Governments agree to cooperate in Antarctic scientific research for peaceful purposes and their mutual benefit and to strengthen further the valuable cooperation in the scientific field which already exists between New Zealand and Italy.
- (b) Each Government shall designate an agent or agency to be responsible for the coordination and facilitation of cooperative activities under this Agreement. These agents or agencies shall consult with a view to developing such cooperative activities.
- (c) Cooperative activities shall be the subject of such specific arrangements as may be deemed appropriate.
- (d) The two Governments agree to consult together at any time, at the request of either, regarding the implementation of this Agreement.

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2 Subject to agreement between such agents or agencies on the level of such operations in any year, the Government of New Zealand undertakes to permit the transit through and temporary accommodation in New Zealand of personnel engaged in the Italian Antarctic Research Programme, en route to and from Antarctica.

3 The Government of New Zealand shall, consistent with its laws and regulations, facilitate as far as possible the entry into, exit from and stay in New Zealand of personnel engaged in the Italian Antarctic Research Programme, other than persons who are nationals of or ordinarily resident in New Zealand. Provided such personnel meet normal temporary entry requirements the Government of New Zealand agrees to issue to them entry permits allowing employment, valid for the period of their assignment up to a maximum of twelve months.

4 The Government of New Zealand shall facilitate, consistent with its laws and regulations including those relating to agricultural health inspection, the entry into and exit from New Zealand of ships, aircraft, equipment and materials to be used in the Italian Antarctic Research Programme, as well as

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the personal effects of personnel engaged in the programme. The Government of New Zealand shall exempt equipment and materials imported or exported for such purpose from payment of taxes and customs duties.

5 The Government of the Republic of Italy shall provide, as far as possible, under modalities to be agreed upon in each case, appropriate logistic support for the implementation of the New Zealand Antarctic Research Programme.

6 The Government of the Republic of Italy shall inform the Government of New Zealand on a timely basis each year through the diplomatic channel of:

(a) the expected size of the Italian Antarctic Research Programme for the forthcoming Antarctic season in so far as the use of facilities in New Zealand may be involved;

(b) the ports, airports and other necessary services requested for use by the personnel, ships and aircraft of the Italian Antarctic Research Programme during the forthcoming Antarctic season.

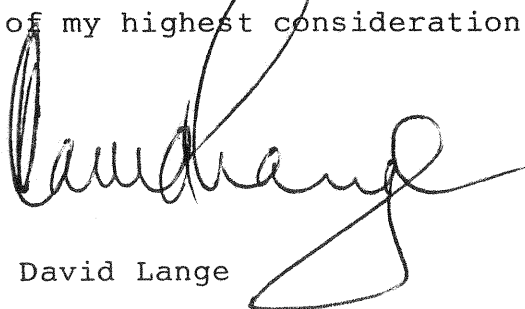
7 This Agreement shall not apply to the Cook Islands, Niue or Tokelau.

8     Either Government may at any time give to the other Government notice of intention to terminate this Agreement. In such cases the Agreement shall terminate after the expiration of one year from the date on which the notice is received.

      In conclusion, the Government of New Zealand welcomes and encourages the development of a greater Italian participation in Antarctic cooperation and in view of the extensive facilities which the City of Christchurch offers to Antarctic operations stands ready to extend this Agreement, should the Government of the Republic of Italy so desire, to facilitate access to Antarctica through Christchurch by Italian ships or aircraft.

      If the proposals contained in this letter are acceptable to the Government of Italy, I have the honour to suggest that this letter and your reply thereto, should constitute an Agreement between our two Governments, the Agreement to enter into force on the date of your letter in reply.

      Please accept, Excellency, the renewed assurances of my highest consideration.



David Lange

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UNDER NO. B-1987/1
BY <i>[Signature]</i>
ON 8-4-87
LEGAL DIVISION



AMBASCIATA D'ITALIA

Wellington, 8 April 1987

Excellency,

I have the honour to refer to your letter dated 8 April 1987 by which you propose that the results of the discussions which have taken place between the authorities of New Zealand and the Republic of Italy regarding scientific co-operation in Antarctica and the provision of access to facilities in New Zealand for personnel, ships and aircraft of the Republic of Italy engaged in expeditions in Antarctica be recorded as an Agreement between our two Governments in the following terms:

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*[Signature]*  
The Right Honourable David Lange  
Minister of Foreign Affairs  
WELLINGTON.

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 You also suggest that, if the proposals contained in the above-mentioned letter are acceptable to the

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Government of Italy, your letter and my reply thereto should constitute an Agreement between our two Governments and that the Agreement should enter into force on the date of my letter in reply.

Accordingly I have the honour to inform you that I have been instructed by my Government and received full powers thereto to assure you that the afore-mentioned proposals are acceptable to the Government of Italy and that your letter and this reply shall constitute an Agreement between our two Governments which will enter into force on this date.

Please accept, Excellency, the renewed assurances of my highest consideration.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'G. De Andreis', written in a cursive style.

Giorgio De Andreis

Ambassador of Italy to New Zealand