

COOPERATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE BRAZILIAN-ARGENTINE AGENCY FOR ACCOUNTING AND CONTROL OF NUCLEAR MATERIALS AND THE AGENCY FOR THE PROHIBITION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS IN LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN

The Brazilian-Argentine Agency for Accounting and Control of Nuclear Materials and the Agency for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons in Latin America and the Caribbean;

Considering that the Agency for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons in Latin America and the Caribbean was created to ensure compliance with the obligations contracted by the States Parties to the Treaty for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons in Latin America (Treaty of Tlatelolco);

Recalling the commitments on nuclear policy jointly entered into in Brazil and Argentina through the Declarations of Foz de Iguazu (1985 and 1990), Brasília (1986), Viedma (1987) and Iperó (1988), and reaffirmed through the joint communiqué of Buenos Aires on July 6, 1990;

Considering the commitments entered into by the Argentine Republic and the Federative Republic of Brazil through an Agreement for the Exclusively Peaceful Uses of Nuclear Energy which establishes a System for the Accounting and Control of Nuclear Materials,

Have agreed to the following:

ARTICLE I Cooperation and Consultation

1. The Brazilian-Argentine Agency for Accounting and Control of Nuclear Materials (to be known henceforth in this Agreement as "ABACC"), and the Agency for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons in Latin America and the Caribbean (to be known henceforth in this Agreement as "OPANAL") hereby agree to act in close cooperation and engage in regular consultations on matters of common interest, in order to facilitate the effective accomplishment of the objectives stated in the Bilateral Agreement signed by the Argentine Republic and the Federative Republic of Brazil on the Exclusively Use of Nuclear Energy and the Treaty for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons in Latin America (Treaty of Tlatelolco).
2. Whenever either of the two Agencies proposes to initiate a program or activity in a field that is or may be of fundamental interest to the other, the Agency in question shall consult the other in order to align the activities of both Parties in the appropriate measure, taking into account their respective international responsibilities.

ARTICLE II
Representation before OPANAL

1. ABACC will be invited to appoint representatives to attend the regular sessions of the General Conference of OPANAL and to take part, without the right to vote, in the deliberations of the said Conference and, when applicable, on the conditions regarding items on its order of business that may be of interest to ABACC.
2. ABACC and OPANAL will duly agree on the arrangements needed for reciprocal representation at other meetings, convened under the auspices of one of the two Parties and dealing with matters of interest to the other Party.

ARTICLE III
Exchange of information and documents

1. ABACC and OPANAL hereby agree to exchange information, publications and documents on matters of common interest, without detriment to the limitations that either of the two Parties may consider necessary to safeguard the information that in their judgment or in accordance with their guiding norms is of a said Parties may have with third parties.
2. Without detriment to paragraph III.1 above, ABACC and OPANAL will organize consultations at the request of either Party, for one Party to furnish any special information that may be of interest to the other.

ARTICLE IV
Enforcement of the Agreement

1. ABACC and OPANAL may mutually request scientific, technical and research cooperation in matters of common interest.
2. If the cooperation requested calls for the assistance of one Party to the other in accordance with this Agreement and the provision of such assistance entails considerable expenses for the Party granting the assistance, consultations will be made to determine the most equitable manner of covering said expenses.
3. The Secretary of ABACC and the Secretary General of OPANAL may reach any administrative agreements considered desirable for the enforcement of this Agreement, in light of the practical experience of the to Agencies.
4. The Secretariats of the two Agencies shall maintain close work relations in accordance with any agreements duly reached for that purpose.

ARTICLE V

Notification of the Bilateral Agreement to the States Parties

1. In compliance with the Bilateral Agreement between the Argentine Republic and the Federative Republic of Brazil on the Exclusively Peaceful Use of Nuclear Energy, ABACC shall immediately inform Brazil and Argentina of the provisions contained in this Agreement.
2. In compliance with Article 23 of the Treaty for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons in Latin America (Treaty of Tlatelolco), the Contracting Parties shall immediately informed of the provisions of this Agreement.
3. When this Agreement enters into force in accordance with Article VIII, the Secretariat of ABACC shall notify its Commission for filing and registry purposes.

ARTICLE VI

Revision of the Agreement

This Agreement may be revised with the mutual consent of the two Agencies.

ARTICLE VII

Denunciation of the Agreement

ABACC and OPANAL may denounce this Agreement by notifying the other Party with six months' notice.

ARTICLE VIII

Entry into force

This Agreement shall enter into force as soon as it is signed by the Secretary of ABACC and the Secretary General of OPANAL.

Signed in the Federal District of Mexico City on the twenty-eight day of May, 1993, in duplicate, in Spanish, Portuguese and English, all of which texts are equally authentic.

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