

**COOPERATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE  
FEDERATIVE REPUBLIC OF BRAZIL AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE  
ARGENTINE REPUBLIC FOR THE DEVELOPMENT AND APPLICATION OF THE  
PEACEFUL USES OF NUCLEAR ENERGY**

The Government of the Federative Republic of Brazil

and

The Government of the Argentine Republic,

INSPIRED by the traditional friendship between their peoples and by the permanent desire to expand the cooperation prompted by their Governments;

AWARE of the fact that all countries are entitled to develop and use nuclear energy for peaceful purposes, as well as to master the technology required for such purpose;

BEARING IN MIND that the development of nuclear energy for peaceful purposes is an essential element for the promotion of the economic and social development of their peoples;

BEARING IN MIND the efforts being made by both nations in order to use nuclear energy to fulfill their economic and social development needs;

IN THE CERTAINTY that cooperation in the use of nuclear energy for peaceful purposes shall contribute to the development of Latin America;

CONVINCED of the need to prevent the proliferation of nuclear weapons by means of non-discriminatory measures imposing restrictions, so as to attain a full and complete nuclear disarmament under strict international control;

TAKING INTO ACCOUNT the objectives of the Treaty for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons in Latin America, Tlatelolco Treaty;

ALSO TAKING INTO ACCOUNT the Agreement for Scientific and Technological Cooperation undersigned on this date;

DECIDED to enter this Cooperation Agreement for the Development and Application of the Peaceful Uses of Nuclear Energy:

**ARTICLE I**

The Parties shall cooperate for the development and application of the peaceful uses of nuclear energy, in accordance with the needs and priorities of their respective national nuclear programs and taking into account the international commitments assumed by the Parties.

**ARTICLE II**

The Parties shall be entitled to appoint the respective competent agencies for the execution of the cooperation provided for in this Agreement.

### ARTICLE III

1. The foreseen cooperation shall be developed in the following fields:
  - a. Research, development and technology on research and power reactors, including nuclear power plants;
  - b. The nuclear fuel cycle, including prospecting and exploration of nuclear minerals and the manufacture of fuel elements;
  - c. Industrial production of materials and equipment and the granting of services;
  - d. Production of radioisotopes and their applications;
  - e. Radiological protection and nuclear safety;
  - f. Physical protection of nuclear materials;
  - g. Basic and applied research concerning the peaceful uses of nuclear energy;
  - h. Other scientific and technological issues related to the peaceful use of nuclear energy deemed as of mutual interest by the Parties.
  
2. Cooperation in the field mentioned under 1. above shall be performed by means of:
  - a. Reciprocal assistance for the training of scientific and technical staff;
  - b. Exchange of technicians;
  - c. Exchange of professors for courses and seminars;
  - d. Scholarships;
  - e. Reciprocal consultation on scientific and technological issues;
  - f. Training of joint teams for the performance of concrete studies and projects involving scientific research and technological development;
  - g. Reciprocal supply of equipment, materials and services related to the aforementioned fields;
  - h. Exchange of information concerning the aforementioned fields;
  - i. Other forms of work agreed upon as per Article IV.

### ARTICLE IV

In order to comply with the cooperation provided for in this Agreement, the competent agencies appointed by each one of the Parties shall enter Application agreements establishing the specific conditions and modalities for cooperation, including the performance of joint technical meetings for the analysis and evaluation of the programs. Furthermore, the competent agencies from each one of the Parties shall be entitled to create joint entities aimed at the technical and economic management of the agreed programs and projects, while promoting, as required, the participation of legal persons of a private nature in these entities.

### ARTICLE V

The Parties shall be able to make free use of the information exchanged as established in this Agreement, except for those cases in which the Party providing the information has established conditions or reserves regarding its utilization or diffusion. Should the exchanged information be protected by patents registered by any of the Parties, the terms and conditions for its utilization and diffusion shall be submitted to the ordinary legislation.

### ARTICLE VI

By means of transfers, loans, leasing or sale, the parties shall facilitate the reciprocal provision of nuclear materials, equipment and services required for the performance of the joint programs and of the national development programs in the field of the use of atomic energy for peaceful purposes and, in every case, these transactions shall be submitted to the legal regulations in force in the Federative Republic of Brazil and in the Argentine Republic.

#### ARTICLE VII

1. Any materials or equipment supplied by one of the Parties to the other, or any material resulting from the use of the former materials or used in an equipment unit supplied on the basis of this Agreement, shall only be used for peaceful purposes. The Parties shall consult with each other regarding the application of safeguards procedures concerning the materials or equipment supplied within the framework of this Agreement.

2. In order to apply the safeguards procedures mentioned under paragraph 1, whenever this is applicable, the Parties shall enter the corresponding safeguards agreements with the International Atomic Energy Agency.

#### ARTICLE VIII

The Parties agree to cooperate with each other in the development of joint projects performed within the field of application of this Agreement and, as far as it is possible, they shall facilitate the applicable cooperation by other public or private institutions or agencies from their respective countries in such projects.

#### ARTICLE IX

The Parties shall consult with each other concerning situations of common interest arising in the international arena with regard to the application of nuclear energy for peaceful purposes, so as to agree on their positions whenever this is advisable.

#### ARTICLE X

The parties shall behave in such a way that any differences in opinion that might arise with regard to the interpretation and application of this Agreement can be resolved through diplomatic channels.

#### ARTICLE XI

1. This Agreement shall be enforced on the date in which the ratification instruments are exchanged, which will occur in Brazil, shall remain in force for a 10-year term and shall be extended automatically for successive two-year periods, unless one of the Parties notifies the other of its intention of non-renewal six months before the end of any of such periods.

2. The termination of this Agreement shall not affect the continuation in the execution of any Application Agreements agreed upon as established in Article IV.

3. This Agreement shall be applied provisionally as of the date of its signature, within the limits of the jurisdiction of the authorities responsible for its application.

In Buenos Aires, on the seventeenth of May 1980, in duplicate, in both the Portuguese and Spanish languages, both considered equally valid.

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