

Joint Declaration on Nuclear Policy
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JOINT DECLARATION ON NUCLEAR POLICY

The President of the Federative Republic of Brazil, Doctor Jose Sarney, and the President of the Argentine Republic, Doctor Raúl Ricardo Alfonsín, following with the conversations held at Puerto Iguazú, Argentina, and at Foz do Iguazu, Brazil, on November 29 through 30, 1985,

Whereas:

Nuclear science and technology are extremely valuable for promoting a significant social and economic development in any modern country;

Both countries have been devoting efforts, for many years, in the research and study of the application of nuclear energy for peaceful purposes; such efforts have demanded substantial investments by both countries, so as to reach a significant level of knowledge, which is now enabling their population to benefit from the progress resulting from the pacific use of nuclear energy;

The cooperation between Brazil and Argentina will exert a multiplying effect upon the reciprocal benefits that both countries will be able to obtain from the peaceful use of nuclear energy; such cooperation will enable both countries to be in a better condition to face the growing difficulties arising in the international supply of nuclear equipment and materials.

Such cooperation must be kept open to any interested Latin American countries;

Reiterate:

Their commitment to develop nuclear energy for exclusively peaceful purposes;

Their goal of a close cooperation in all the peaceful applications of nuclear energy and of supplementing each other on issues that, reciprocally, they deem convenient to agree;

Their expectations for this cooperation to expand to other Latin Americans who have the same objectives;

Declare:

Their will to create a joint Work Team, under the responsibility of the Brazilian and Argentine Chancelleries, membered by representatives of the respective nuclear

Commissions and companies, aimed at fostering the relations between both countries in this area, at promoting their technological and nuclear development and at creating mechanisms ensuring the superior interests of peace, security and development in the region, without prejudice to the technical issues of nuclear cooperation, which will continue to be ruled by the instruments currently in force.

On the basis of the above-mentioned objectives, both Presidents will instruct their respective Chancelleries to summon a meeting of the Work Team within a 120-day term, in order to analyze the procedures that will lead to the implementation of this Declaration.