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**INTERNATIONAL ATOMIC ENERGY AGENCY
and
AUSTRIA**

Provisional Agreement concerning the application of radiation protection and safety measures for the Plutonium Laboratory at Seibersdorf. Signed at Vienna on 30 April 1975

Authentic texts: English and German.

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Accord provisoire relatif à l'application de mesures de sécurité et de radioprotection pour le laboratoire de plutonium de Seibersdorf. Signé à Vienne le 30 avril 1975

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PROVISIONAL AGREEMENT¹ BETWEEN THE INTERNATIONAL ATOMIC ENERGY AGENCY AND THE AUSTRIAN FEDERAL GOVERNMENT CONCERNING THE APPLICATION OF RADIATION PROTECTION AND SAFETY MEASURES FOR THE PLUTONIUM LABORATORY AT SEIBERSDORF

Considering that in implementation of the safeguards functions entrusted to the International Atomic Energy Agency (hereinafter referred to as “the IAEA”) within the framework of the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons² the IAEA has to carry out measurements and perform analyses at its laboratory at Seibersdorf which involve the use of small amounts of Plutonium,

Considering that, in order to facilitate the performance of such work by the IAEA and to prepare for the operation by the IAEA of the Safeguards Analytical Laboratory (hereinafter referred to as “the SAL”) before the conclusion of an Agreement pursuant to Sections 5 and 6 in respect of the whole IAEA laboratory, it has become desirable to make provisional arrangements pursuant to Section 5 of the Agreement between the International Atomic Energy Agency and the Republic of Austria regarding the Headquarters of the International Atomic Energy Agency;³

The International Atomic Energy Agency and the Austrian Federal Government (hereinafter referred to as “the Government”) have agreed as follows:

Article 1. The IAEA shall ensure that the conditions normally applicable in Austria to type A working places will be adhered to.

Article 2. The operating instructions issued by the IAEA for the handling and storage of Plutonium at the laboratory, including provisions on health physics of radiation workers, shall be communicated to the competent Austrian authorities for information.

Article 3. Work involving Plutonium shall only be performed in that part of the laboratory which has been especially adapted for that purpose. Plutonium shall be stored in an area which has been especially adapted for that purpose.

Article 4. The total amount of Plutonium to be handled in chemical analyses is expected not to exceed 30 grammes at any time.

The total amount of Plutonium stored is expected not to exceed 300 grammes at any time.

Article 5. The IAEA shall keep the Government informed of any changes in the arrangements which the IAEA has made with the “Österreichische Studiengesellschaft für Atomenergie” concerning collection and treatment of radioactive waste from the IAEA laboratories.

Article 6. In case of accidents which may involve the danger of radioactive contamination of persons or the surroundings of the laboratory the IAEA shall inform the competent Austrian authorities without delay.

¹ Came into force on 30 May 1975, i.e., 30 days after signature, in accordance with article 12.

² United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 729, p. 161.

³ *Ibid.*, vol. 339, p. 110.

Article 7. The IAEA shall inform the Government of the name and professional qualifications of the radiological protection officer.

Article 8. The IAEA shall enable representatives of the competent Austrian authorities to visit the IAEA laboratory with a view to maintaining close contacts and in order to facilitate the exchange of information, particularly in the field of health and safety.

Article 9. The IAEA shall take appropriate measures with a view to ensuring the physical security of Plutonium in the laboratory and in the course of transport to and from the laboratory. The competent Austrian authorities shall co-operate with the IAEA in the implementation of these measures and shall provide the necessary assistance.

Article 10. The competent Austrian authorities shall endeavour to facilitate the speedy handling and ensure rapid customs clearance of Plutonium sent to the laboratory or dispatched from the laboratory.

Article 11. The IAEA shall provide financial security for third party claims of the same amount as normally applicable to Austrian installations of the same type.

Article 12. This Agreement shall enter into force 30 days after signature. It shall equally apply to the handling and storage of Plutonium at the SAL. It shall cease to be in force on the day when an agreement pursuant to Sections 5 and 6 of the Agreement between the International Atomic Energy Agency and the Republic of Austria regarding the Headquarters of the International Atomic Energy Agency with respect to the SAL enters into force.

DONE at Vienna, this thirtieth day of April 1975 in duplicate in the English and German languages, both texts being equally authentic.

For the International
Atomic Energy Agency:

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