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**INTERNATIONAL ATOMIC ENERGY AGENCY,
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA and VENEZUELA**

**Contract for the transfer of title to enriched uranium for a
research reactor. Signed at Vienna on 7 November 1975**

Authentic texts: English and Spanish.

*Registered by the International Atomic Energy Agency on 7 September
1976.*

**AGENCE INTERNATIONALE DE L'ÉNERGIE
ATOMIQUE, ÉTATS-UNIS D'AMÉRIQUE
et VENEZUELA**

**Contrat de transfert du titre de propriété concernant de
l'uranium enrichi destiné à un réacteur de recherche.
Signé à Vienne le 7 novembre 1975**

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*Enregistré par l'Agence internationale de l'énergie atomique le 7 septem-
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CONTRACT¹ FOR THE TRANSFER OF TITLE TO ENRICHED URANIUM FOR A RESEARCH REACTOR

WHEREAS the Government of Venezuela (hereinafter called "Venezuela") has leased from the Government of the United States of America (hereinafter called the "United States") certain enriched uranium for use in the RV-1 research reactor at the Venezuelan Scientific Research Institute (hereinafter called the "reactor");

WHEREAS under the Agreement for Co-operation between the International Atomic Energy Agency (hereinafter called the "Agency") and the United States,² as amended³ (hereinafter called the "Co-operation Agreement"), the United States undertook to make available to the Agency from time to time quantities of special fissionable material as may be authorized by the United States;

WHEREAS Venezuela, desiring to obtain title to a portion of the enriched uranium previously leased to it to facilitate the operation of the reactor as a project for research on, and the practical application of, atomic energy for peaceful purposes, has requested the Agency to assist it in acquiring title to such portion of the uranium;

WHEREAS, in order to assist and encourage research on peaceful uses or for medical therapy, the United States has, in each calendar year, offered to distribute to the Agency, free of charge, special fissionable material of a value of up to US \$50 000 at the time of transfer, to be supplied from the amounts specified in Article II. A of the Co-operation Agreement;

WHEREAS the United States has found the project to which this Contract relates eligible under the gift offer for calendar year 1973 to the extent of US \$36 776.49;

WHEREAS Venezuela and the United States have concluded an amendment to their lease agreement under which the special nuclear materials lease account established by the United States for Venezuela will be credited with the value or worth of the nuclear material title to which is to be transferred hereunder; and

WHEREAS the Board of Governors of the Agency approved the project on 20 February 1973, and the Agency and Venezuela are this day concluding an agreement relating to the project;⁴

NOW, THEREFORE, the Agency, Venezuela, and the United States Energy Research and Development Administration (hereinafter called the "Administration"), acting on behalf of the United States, hereby agree as follows:

¹ Came into force on 7 November 1975 by signature, in accordance with article IV, section 6.

² United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 339, p. 359.

³ *Ibid.*, vol. 951, p. 412.

⁴ See "Agreement between the International Atomic Energy Agency and the Government of Venezuela for assistance by the Agency to Venezuela in continuing a reactor project, signed at Vienna on 7 November 1975," p. 279 of this volume.

Article I. TRANSFER OF TITLE TO ENRICHED URANIUM

Section 1. Subject to the provisions of the Co-operation Agreement, the Administration shall transfer without charge to the Agency, the Agency shall accept from the Administration and retransfer without charge to Venezuela, and Venezuela shall accept from the Agency title to 15 256 grams of uranium enriched to approximately 17.7% by weight in the isotope uranium-235 and to 1 008 grams of uranium enriched to approximately 19.92% by weight in the isotope uranium-235 (hereinafter called the "supplied material"), valued at US \$36 776.49, which material constitutes a portion of the enriched uranium leased by the Administration to Venezuela for the reactor and is at present located at the Venezuelan Scientific Research Institute near Caracas, Venezuela.

Section 2. Title to the supplied material shall vest in the Agency upon entry into force of this Contract and shall thereafter immediately and automatically vest in Venezuela.

Article II. RESPONSIBILITY

Section 3. Neither the Agency nor any person acting on its behalf shall at any time bear any responsibility towards Venezuela or any person claiming through Venezuela for the safe handling and the use of the supplied material.

Section 4. Neither the United States, nor the Administration, nor any person acting on behalf of the Administration shall bear any responsibility for the safe handling and the use of the supplied material.

Article III. OFFICIALS NOT TO BENEFIT

Section 5. No Member of the Congress of the United States of America or Resident Commissioner of the United States of America shall be admitted to or share any part of this Contract or any benefit that may arise therefrom.

Article IV. ENTRY INTO FORCE

Section 6. This Contract shall enter into force upon signature by or for the Director General of the Agency and by the authorized representatives of Venezuela and the Administration.

DONE in Vienna, on the seventh day of November 1975, in triplicate in the English and Spanish languages, the texts in both languages being equally authentic.

For the International Atomic Energy Agency:

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For the Government of Venezuela:

F. AROCHA CASTRESANA

For the United States Energy Research and Development Administration
on behalf of the Government of the United States of America:

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