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and
MEXICO**

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[TRANSLATION — TRADUCTION]

BASIC AGREEMENT¹ ON SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL CO-OPERATION BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE KINGDOM OF SPAIN AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED MEXICAN STATES

The Government of the Kingdom of Spain and the Government of the United Mexican States, desiring to strengthen the ties of friendship between their two countries, aware of the importance of increased scientific and technical co-operation for the development of their mutual relations, convinced of the need to encourage the promotion of such co-operation in so far as they are able, hereby agree to the following:

Article I. 1. Both Parties undertake to encourage and facilitate the implementation of programmes of scientific and technical co-operation and the exchange of technical experience, in accordance with the economic and social development objectives of each Party.

2. Specific scientific and technical co-operation programmes and projects shall be carried out in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement and, where appropriate, those of any supplementary agreements signed between the Parties on the basis of this Agreement.

Article II. The co-operation provided for in article I of this Agreement may consist of:

- (a) the provision of study fellowships and training or specialization courses;
- (b) the sending of experts, technical instructors and other specialists;
- (c) the provision of scientific and technical documentation and information;
- (d) the provision of the equipment and the materials necessary for implementing the agreed programmes and projects;
- (e) any other forms of scientific and technical co-operation that may be agreed upon by both Parties.

Article III. 1. In order to ensure fulfilment of the requirements of this Agreement, the two Parties hereby agree to set up a Scientific and Technical Co-operation Sub-Commission under the direction of the mixed Spanish-Mexican Intergovernmental Commission composed of representatives of the two Contracting Parties. The Sub-Commission shall meet in each of the two countries alternately. Such meetings shall, in principle, be held every two years unless it is agreed for urgent reasons to bring forward the date of the next scheduled meeting or to hold extraordinary meetings. The Sub-Commission shall draw up its rules of procedure should it consider this necessary. It may set up working groups.

2. Either Party may, at any time, submit to the other proposals for scientific and technical co-operation through the usual diplomatic channels.

¹ Applied provisionally from 14 October 1977, the date of signature, and came into force definitively on 14 February 1978, the date of the last of the notifications by which the Parties notified each other of the fulfilment of their required constitutional procedures, in accordance with article X.

Article IV. The Mixed Sub-Commission shall consider matters relating to the implementation of this Agreement, draw up the biennial programme of activities to be undertaken, periodically review the programme as a whole and make recommendations to the two Governments. The Parties may, through the diplomatic channel and when they deem it necessary, approve additional items for the biennial programme which shall be implemented within the same period of time and on financing terms agreed upon through the same channel. The holding of special meetings to consider a specific project or subject may also be suggested.

Article V. The financing terms and the procedures for technical and scientific co-operation referred to in this Agreement shall be agreed upon, in each case, at meetings of the Mixed Sub-Commission, without prejudice to the provisions of article IV.

Article VI. The exchange of scientific and technological information provided for in the preceding article shall be governed by the following rules:

(1) The Parties may communicate the information received to public agencies or public utility institutions and enterprises serving the public interest in which the Government has decision-making powers.

(2) The Parties may limit or prohibit the dissemination of information on supplementary agreements signed in accordance with article 1, paragraph 2.

(3) The dissemination of information may also be prohibited or limited when the other Party, or agencies designated by it, so decide.

(4) Each Party shall offer the other guarantees that persons authorized to receive information will not transmit such information to agencies or persons not authorized to receive it, in accordance with this article.

Article VII. Each Party shall facilitate the entry into and departure from its territory of specialists, together with their dependent relatives, who come from the other Party to co-operate in any joint activity under this Agreement. The facilities referred to in this article shall be granted within the limits of the domestic legislation in force in the host country and shall be determined through the diplomatic channel. Staff sent by the Parties in accordance with this Agreement shall be subject to the domestic legislation of their place of occupation.

Article VIII. The competent authorities of each Party shall, in accordance with the internal legislation in force in the two countries, programme and co-ordinate the implementation of the international scientific and technical co-operation activities envisaged in this Agreement and in the supplementary agreements based on it, and shall make the necessary arrangements to that end. These functions shall be performed, in the case of the United Mexican States, by the Secretariat of Foreign Relations, and, in the case of Spain, by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Article IX. The general provisions of this Agreement shall be applicable to any supplementary agreement concluded in the area of scientific and technical co-operation.

Article X. This Agreement shall apply provisionally from the date of its signature and shall enter into force on the date on which the Parties notify each other that their respective constitutional requirements have been fulfilled. If such notification is not simultaneous, the date of the later notification shall count for the purposes of entry into force.

Article XI. 1. This Agreement shall remain in force for five years and shall be automatically renewable for periods of one year unless one of the Parties notifies the other in writing, at least six months in advance, that it has decided against renewal.

2. This Agreement may be denounced in writing by either Party and shall cease to have effect six months after the date of such denunciation.

3. The denunciation shall not affect programmes and projects already in progress, unless the Parties agree otherwise.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the plenipotentiaries of the two Governments hereby sign this Agreement, in duplicate, both copies being equally authentic, and hereto affix their respective seals.

DONE at Madrid on 14 October 1977.

For the Government
of the Kingdom of Spain:

[Signed]

MARCELINO OREJA
Minister
for Foreign Affairs

For the Government
of the United Mexican States:

[Signed]

SANTIAGO ROEL
Secretary
for Foreign Relations