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[TRANSLATION — TRADUCTION]

AGREEMENT¹ ON FRIENDSHIP AND CO-OPERATION BETWEEN
THE FEDERATIVE REPUBLIC OF BRAZIL AND THE UNITED
MEXICAN STATES

The President of the Federative Republic of Brazil, Ernesto Geisel, and The President of the United Mexican States, José López Portillo,

Motivated by the desire to affirm the fraternal links of friendship that unite Brazil and Mexico,

Conscious that the interests of the two countries converge over a wide range of matters,

Determined to implement a broad programme to improve their relations in the economic, commercial, financial, industrial, cultural, technical and scientific fields,

Convinced that, to that end, it is necessary to establish appropriate machinery for bilateral co-operation,

Have decided to conclude an Agreement on Friendship and Co-operation and, to that end, have appointed as their Plenipotentiaries:

The President of the Federative Republic of Brazil: Ambassador Antonio F. Azeredo da Silveira, Minister of State for Foreign Affairs;

The President of the United Mexican States: Mr. Santiago Roel, Minister for Foreign Affairs;

who have agreed as follows:

Article I. The High Contracting Parties agree to establish and develop permanent machinery for co-operation, understanding and exchange of information on matters of common interest.

Article II. The machinery referred to in article I shall be established through the diplomatic channel or through the Joint Brazilian-Mexican Co-ordinating Commission.

Article III. 1. The Joint Brazilian-Mexican Co-ordinating Commission is hereby established, for the purpose of strengthening co-operation between the two countries, analyzing and dealing with matters of common interest and recommending appropriate measures to the respective Governments, with particular emphasis on the following fields:

- (a) Economic projects of relevance to bilateral relations;
- (b) Trade relations and measures to promote their development and diversification;
- (c) Improving transportation and communications systems between the two countries;
- (d) Technical co-operation and cultural, scientific and technological exchanges.

2. The Joint Commission shall comprise a section from each Party.

¹ Came into force on 21 February 1979 by the exchange of the instruments of ratification, which took place at Brasília, in accordance with article XIII.

3. The national sections of the Joint Commission shall be presided over by the Ministers for Foreign Affairs and shall be composed of delegates designated by the respective Governments.

4. The Joint Commission shall meet at least once a year, alternately in Brazil and Mexico.

5. The Joint Commission shall draft its own rules of procedure, to be approved by the two Governments through an exchange of notes.

6. The Joint Commission shall consider and propose to both Governments a means of transforming the existing Joint Commission into sub-commissions.

Article IV. The High Contracting Parties shall do their utmost to achieve the progressive development and diversification of their trade relations, through the effective exploitation of any opportunities which may arise.

Article V. In view of the benefits which may result from close co-operation in implementing their industrial expansion plans, the High Contracting Parties shall promote investments by one country in the other, in both the public and private sectors, in accordance with their respective national legislation.

Article VI. Taking into account specific Brazilian and Mexican infrastructure programmes which have a major impact on economic and social development, the High Contracting Parties undertake to promote arrangements to facilitate mutual participation by their companies in projects and works in this sector, in both countries.

Article VII. The High Contracting Parties, recognizing the particular interest in developing the regional economy, of establishing an effective communications infrastructure between the two countries, agree to promote a system of mutual co-operation in this field with the aim of establishing telecommunications links, supplying equipment and promoting technical exchanges and exchanges of information, including the area of postal services.

Article VIII. With the aim of encouraging co-operation in the farming sector, the two countries shall exchange information and experience, providing each other with every possible assistance in the area of agricultural production and techniques.

Article IX. The High Contracting Parties agree to further promote the technical and scientific co-operation activities envisaged under the Basic Agreement on Technical and Scientific Co-operation of 24 July 1974.¹

Article X. The High Contracting Parties confirm their intention to implement effective means of bilateral co-operation in the cultural and educational fields, in keeping with the spirit of the Cultural Agreement of 20 January 1960.²

Article XI. With the aim of improving maritime transport services between Brazil and Mexico, the High Contracting Parties shall revise the Agreement on Maritime Transport, concluded at Brasilia on 24 July 1974,³ so as to reflect the pattern of traffic between the two countries.

¹ United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 997, p. 177.

² *Ibid.*, vol. 789, p. 211.

³ *Ibid.*, vol. 997, p. 191.

Article XII. In addition to the international instruments referred to in this Agreement and in accordance with the lofty spirit with which it is imbued, the High Contracting Parties shall, whenever circumstances require, conclude additional agreements or other kinds of international instrument on any matter of common interest.

Article XIII. This Agreement shall enter into force on the date of exchange of the instruments of ratification and shall remain valid until the High Contracting Parties, through a new agreement, adopt the decision they deem appropriate.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the above-mentioned Plenipotentiaries sign this Agreement in two copies, in Portuguese and Spanish, both texts being equally authentic.

DONE at Mexico City, on 18 January 1978.

For the Government
of the Federative Republic
of Brazil:

[Signed]

ANTONIO F. AZEREDO DA SILVEIRA

For the Government
of the United Mexican States:

[Signed]

SANTIAGO ROEL
