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**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
and  
MEXICO**

**Memorandum of Understanding concerning research co-  
operation in the field of transportation. Signed at  
Merida on 16 November 1972**

*Authentic texts: English and Spanish.*

*Registered by the United States of America on 14 November 1979.*

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**ÉTATS-UNIS D'AMÉRIQUE  
et  
MEXIQUE**

**Mémorandum d'accord concernant la coopération pour la  
recherche dans le domaine des transports. Signé à  
Mérida le 16 novembre 1972**

*Textes authentiques : anglais et espagnol.*

*Enregistré par les États-Unis d'Amérique le 14 novembre 1979.*

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING<sup>1</sup> BETWEEN THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND THE SECRETARIAT OF PUBLIC WORKS OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED MEXICAN STATES CONCERNING RESEARCH COOPERATION IN THE FIELD OF TRANSPORTATION

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I. This Memorandum of Understanding between the Department of Transportation of the Government of the United States of America and the Secretariat of Public Works of the Government of the United Mexican States (hereinafter referred to as the parties) outlines a program to achieve mutually advantageous cooperation in transportation research and development. The aim of the program will be to promote cooperation between the transportation specialists of the parties in finding solutions to problems of mutual concern, and to improve transportation systems and techniques without costly and wasteful duplication of efforts.

II. To realize the benefits of research cooperation pursuant to this Memorandum of Understanding the parties agree that:

(a) They will undertake to develop research cooperation projects in such fields of transportation as are identified in paragraph III below or as may subsequently be agreed.

(b) Each research cooperation project will be the subject of a project agreement describing the information and experience to be exchanged, and setting forth the details of any cost-sharing or task-sharing involved. Such project agreements will become addenda to this Memorandum.

(c) Specific activities in connection with this program will be contingent upon the availability of funds.

(d) To administer and facilitate this program, each party will designate an appropriate official as its Program Coordinator. The Program Coordinators will be authorized by each party to:

- (1) Conclude project agreements;
- (2) Provide a point of contact for the other party in making detailed arrangements for program activity; and
- (3) Arrange for regular reviews of the status and achievements of the overall program and its component projects, to be conducted at least once annually in Mexico City or in Washington.

(e) Any conditions relating to technical documents, patents and other technical data and experience which restrict their use by a third party shall be respected by the parties.

III. The following has been identified as the area of mutual interest: exchange of technical experience and knowledge, and of technical data resulting

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<sup>1</sup> Came into force on 16 November 1972 by signature, in accordance with paragraph IV.

from research projects undertaken independently or jointly by the parties, relating to highway planning, design, construction, and maintenance.

IV. This Memorandum of Understanding will become effective upon signature and will remain in force until terminated by either party.

DONE at Mérida, Republic of Mexico, in the English and Spanish languages this sixteenth day of November, 1972, each text being equally authentic.

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of the Government of the United  
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