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**FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY  
and  
VENEZUELA**

**Basic Agreement concerning scientific and technological co-  
operation. Signed at Caracas on 16 October 1978**

*Authentic texts: German and Spanish.*

*Registered by the Federal Republic of Germany on 14 April 1980.*

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**RÉPUBLIQUE FÉDÉRALE D'ALLEMAGNE  
et  
VENEZUELA**

**Accord de base relatif à la coopération scientifique et tech-  
nologique. Signé à Caracas le 16 octobre 1978**

*Textes authentiques : allemand et espagnol.*

*Enregistré par la République fédérale d'Allemagne le 14 avril 1980.*

## [TRANSLATION — TRADUCTION]

**BASIC AGREEMENT<sup>1</sup> BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE  
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF VENEZUELA CONCERNING  
SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL CO-OPERATION**

The Government of the Federal Republic of Germany and the Government of the Republic of Venezuela,

Desiring to strengthen further the close and friendly relations existing between their countries,

Considering their common interest in promoting scientific research and technological development,

Recognizing the advantages accruing to both States from close collaboration in the pursuit of those objectives,

Have agreed as follows:

*Article 1.* The Parties shall promote co-operation for peaceful purposes in scientific research and technological development between their respective States. To this end the two Parties shall jointly plan and execute scientific and technological co-operation programmes and projects in specific fields of mutual interest.

*Article 2.* The co-operation provided for under this Agreement may, in specific projects or areas, be dealt with in special agreements between the Parties or between the agencies designated by them. The said agreements shall specify the areas of co-operation, conditions and procedures, and the responsibility which the Parties assume to implement them.

Designation of the agencies and determination of the areas of co-operation shall be effected through the diplomatic channel.

*Article 3.* 1. Co-operation may include:

- (a) The exchange of scientific and technological information;
- (b) The exchange and further training of scientists and technological experts;
- (c) The provision of consultative and advisory services;
- (d) The joint or co-ordinated implementation of research and technological development programmes and projects;
- (e) The supply or exchange of equipment and material needed for carrying out the agreed co-operation;
- (f) The joint use of the scientific and technical facilities on the basis of the necessary prior agreements;
- (g) Any other form of scientific and technological co-operation agreed upon by the Parties or the agencies designated by them.

<sup>1</sup> Came into force on 28 December 1978, the date of the last of the notifications by which the Parties informed each other of the completion of the required formalities, in accordance with article 12 (1).

*Article 4.* Each Party shall bear all the costs arising from the assignment of personnel designated by it to carry out, in the other country, the activities specified in this Agreement. By way of exception, different arrangements may be laid down in the special agreements referred to in article 2.

*Article 5.* The scientific and technological information may be exchanged either directly between the Parties or between the agencies designated by them.

*Article 6.* The Parties shall, to the extent that their domestic legislation allows, facilitate the duty-free import of materials and equipment from the other Party for the purposes of the co-operation provided for in this Agreement.

*Article 7.* Each Party shall adopt, in accordance with its legislation, the requisite measures for facilitating the entry and departure, sojourn and movement of the citizens of the other Party who are engaged in activities pursuant to this Agreement and the special agreements referred to in article 2.

*Article 8.* The Parties shall, in accordance with their domestic legislation, grant facilities to the experts, scientists and other research personnel engaged in activities under this Agreement and the special agreements referred to in article 2 for the import and export of their personal and household effects, and the temporary duty-free import of one motor vehicle for their private use.

*Article 9.* 1. In order to ensure implementation of this Agreement, a Commission consisting of representatives of the two Parties shall be established for co-ordination and consultation, and the evaluation and development of co-operation through meetings to be scheduled by mutual agreement.

2. Mixed working groups may be established for the areas specified in the special agreements to be concluded in accordance with article 2.

3. The Commission and the mixed working groups shall each be headed by one representative of each Party and shall be composed of members of the agencies for the respective areas.

4. The mixed working groups shall submit their reports on progress made and the results of their work to the Commission for co-ordination, consultation and evaluation.

*Article 10.* The two Parties shall reconcile any differences which may arise in the interpretation and implementation of this Agreement.

*Article 11.* This Agreement shall also apply to *Land Berlin*, provided that the Government of the Federal Republic of Germany has not made a declaration to the contrary to the Government of the Republic of Venezuela within three months of its entry into force.

*Article 12.* 1. Each Party shall notify the other of the completion of the formalities required under its law for the entry into force of this Agreement. The Agreement shall enter into force on the date of the last notification.

2. This Agreement shall remain in force for a period of five years and shall be extended for successive periods of one year, unless it is denounced by one Party in writing six months in advance.

3. Denunciation shall not affect the special agreements concluded in accordance with article 2, or ongoing programmes and projects, unless the Parties agree otherwise.

DONE at Caracas, on 16 October 1978, in duplicate in the German and Spanish languages, both texts being equally authentic.

For the Government  
of the Federal Republic of Germany:

*[Signed]*

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Federal Minister for Research  
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For the Government  
of the Republic of Venezuela:

*[Signed]*

SIMÓN ALBERTO CONSALVI  
Minister for Foreign Affairs

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