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**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
and
MEXICO**

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AGREEMENT¹ BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND THE UNITED MEXICAN STATES FOR COOPERATION IN THE FIELD OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

WHEREAS the Governments of the United States and Mexico have pledged increased cooperation through the consultative mechanism established by their two Presidents;

WHEREAS under an agreement reached on June 15, 1972,² the Governments of the United States and Mexico have agreed to exchanges in the field of science and technology;

WHEREAS the Parties recognize a mutual interest in exchanging information and research related to housing and urban planning and development, and in particular, a mutual interest in sharing information and other cooperative efforts related to planning and development of urban areas on the border between the United States and Mexico;

WHEREAS the Parties intend to establish arrangements that will facilitate the sharing of information and other cooperative efforts related to housing and urban affairs;

The Parties have agreed as follows:

1. *Implementation*

The Executive Agents of the Parties in implementation of this Agreement are the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development for the United States and the Secretary of Human Settlements and Public Works for Mexico.

2. *Joint Steering Committee*

a. A Joint Steering Committee is hereby established. The purpose of this Committee is to facilitate the exchange of information and other cooperation, as may be agreed pursuant to this Agreement, in urban areas on the border.

b. The Joint Steering Committee will have four members. After appropriate consultation, each Party will designate two members, and one of these will be designated by each of the Parties as Co-chairperson. The second member for each side shall act as an alternate to the Co-chairperson when necessary.

c. Each Co-chairperson will designate an Executive Secretary. The Executive Secretaries will maintain close communication and be responsible for facilitating the work of the Joint Steering Committee.

d. The Co-chairperson will establish procedures for carrying out the work of the Committee, including setting the time, place and agenda for Committee meetings.

e. The Joint Steering Committee will meet annually, unless otherwise agreed.

¹ Came into force on 16 February 1979 by signature, in accordance with paragraph 7.

² United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 837, p. 145.

3. *Joint Working Groups*

a. The Joint Steering Committee may establish Joint Working Groups to carry out tasks assigned by the Committee.

b. The Parties recognize that State, municipal and other local authorities of both sides will be interested in and should be involved in cooperative action under this Agreement. In order to establish balanced and effective Working Groups pursuant to the preceding paragraph (3*a*) the Co-chairpersons, or their alternates, will consult before designating the respective members of a Working Group. After appropriate consultation, the Co-chairpersons may invite representatives of federal agencies; representatives of State or municipal governments; members of private organizations; or individual private citizens to participate in a Working Group.

4. *Cooperative programs and projects*

a. The Joint Steering Committee will select all programs and projects for cooperative action under this Agreement. In approving a specific cooperative effort the Joint Steering Committee will define each program or project in detail, including the scope and priority of effort, a schedule for completion, and membership of any Working Group assigned responsibility for the action.

b. A cooperative program or project may be established to carry out one or more of the following activities:

- Exchange of information related to urban programs or projects in border areas;
- Joint meetings and seminars;
- Joint research and study projects;
- Exchange visits by experts, advanced students, representatives of public or private organizations, or private citizens;
- Other activities as may be agreed by the Joint Steering Committee.

5. *Management*

a. The Joint Steering Committee will be responsible for the general management of programs and projects undertaken pursuant to this Agreement.

b. Each Working Group assigned responsibility for a project or program will keep the Joint Steering Committee fully informed of its work and will seek additional guidance from the Committee as necessary. All Working Group progress reports, conclusions and recommendations will be submitted first to the Joint Steering Committee.

6. *Costs*

a. Unless otherwise agreed, each Party or participating institution, organization, firm or individual will bear the costs of its participation, including personnel costs, in activities pursuant to this Agreement.

b. Work under this Agreement is subject to the availability of funds and other resources on each side.

7. *Effective date and extensions*

This Agreement will enter into force upon signature and will remain in force for three years. It will be automatically extended for successive three-year periods unless either Party notifies the other of its intent to terminate the Agreement not later than six months prior to its expiration.

DONE in duplicate at Mexico, D.F., on February 16, 1979, in the English and Spanish languages, both texts being equally authentic.

[Signed—Signé]¹

For the Government
of the United States of America

[Signed—Signé]²

For the Government
of the United Mexican States

¹ Signed by Cyrus Vance—Signé par Cyrus Vance.

² Signed by S. Roel—Signé par S. Roel.