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**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
and  
FINLAND**

**Arrangement for the exchange of technical information and  
co-operation in nuclear safety matters. Signed at  
Helsinki on 26 September 1980**

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**ÉTATS-UNIS D'AMÉRIQUE  
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**Arrangement relatif à l'échange d'informations techniques  
et à la coopération dans le domaine de la sûreté  
nucléaire. Signé à Helsinki le 26 septembre 1980**

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## ARRANGEMENT<sup>1</sup> BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION (U.S.N.R.C.) AND THE FINNISH SATEILYTURVALLISUUSLAITOS (INSTITUTE OF RADIATION PROTECTION) FOR THE EXCHANGE OF TECHNICAL INFORMATION AND COOPERATION IN NUCLEAR SAFETY MATTERS

The United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission (hereinafter called the U.S.N.R.C.) and the Finnish SateilyturvallisuuSLaitos (hereinafter called the I.R.P.), considering the desirability of a continuing exchange of information pertaining to regulatory matters and of standards required or recommended by these organizations for the regulation of safety and environmental impact of nuclear facilities, conclude the following Arrangement for cooperation.

### I. SCOPE OF THE ARRANGEMENT

I.1 *Technical Information Exchange.* To the extent that the U.S.N.R.C. and the I.R.P. are permitted to do so under the laws and regulations of their respective countries, the parties agree to exchange the following types of technical information relating to the regulation of safety and environmental impact of designated nuclear energy facilities:

- a. Topical reports concerning technical safety and environmental effects written by or for one of the parties as a basis for, or in support of, regulatory decisions and policies.
- b. Significant licensing actions and safety and environmental decisions affecting nuclear facilities.
- c. Detailed documents describing the U.S.N.R.C. process for licensing and regulating certain U.S. facilities designated by the I.R.P. as similar to certain facilities being built or planned in Finland and equivalent documents on such Finnish facilities.
- d. Information in the field of reactor safety research that requires early attention in the interest of public safety, along with an indication of significant implications.
- e. Reports on operating experience, such as reports on nuclear incidents, accidents and shutdowns, and compilations of historical reliability data on components and systems.
- f. Regulatory procedures for the safety, safeguards, and environmental impact evaluation of nuclear facilities.
- g. Early advice of important events, such as serious operating incidents and government-directed reactor shutdowns, that are of immediate interest to the parties.

I.2 *Exchange of Regulatory Standards.* Copies of regulatory standards required to be used, or proposed for use, by the regulatory organizations of a party will be made available to the other party on a timely basis.

<sup>1</sup> Came into force on 26 September 1980 by signature.

I.3 *Cooperation in Safety Research and Development.* The execution of joint programs and projects of safety research and development, or programs and projects under which activities are divided between the two parties, including the use of test facilities and/or computer programs owned by either party, will be considered on a case-by-case basis. Temporary assignments of personnel by one party in the other party's regulatory organization will also be considered on a case-by-case basis.

I.4 *Training and Assignments.* The U.S.N.R.C. will assist the I.R.P. in providing certain training and experience for I.R.P. safety personnel. Costs of salary, allowances and travel of I.R.P. participants will be paid by the I.R.P. Participation will be permitted within the limits of available resources. The following are typical of the kinds of training and experience that may be provided:

- a. I.R.P. inspector accompaniment of U.S.N.R.C. inspectors on reactor and reactor construction inspections in the U.S., including extended briefings at U.S.N.R.C. regional inspection offices (anticipated 1-2 persons per year, each visit 1-3 weeks in length).
- b. Participation by I.R.P. employees in U.S.N.R.C. staff training courses.
- c. Assignment of I.R.P. employees for 1-2 year periods to the U.S.N.R.C. staff, to work on U.S.N.R.C. staff duties and gain experience (1-2 assignees at a time).

I.5 *Additional Safety Advice.* To the extent that the documents and other information provided by U.S.N.R.C. as described in I.1 through I.4, above, are not adequate to meet I.R.P. needs for technical advice, the parties will consult on the best means for fulfilling such needs.

## II. ADMINISTRATION

II.1 The exchange of information under this Arrangement will be accomplished through letters, reports, and other documents, and by visits and meetings arranged in advance. A meeting will be held annually, or at such other times as mutually agreed, to review the exchange of information to recommend revisions to the provisions of the Arrangement, and to discuss topics within the scope of the exchange. The time, place, and agenda for such meetings shall be agreed upon in advance. Visits which take place under the Arrangement, including their schedules, shall have the prior approval of the administrators.

II.2 An Administrator will be designated by each party to coordinate its participation in the overall exchange. The administrators shall be the recipients of all documents transmitted under the exchange, including copies of all letters unless otherwise agreed. Within the terms of the exchange, the administrators shall be responsible for developing the scope of the exchange, including agreement on the designation of the nuclear energy facilities subject to the exchange, and on specific documents and standards to be exchanged. One or more technical coordinators may be appointed as direct contacts for specific disciplinary areas. These technical coordinators will assure that both administrators receive copies of all transmittals. These detailed arrangements are intended to assure, among other things, that a reasonably balanced exchange providing access to equivalent available information from both sides is achieved and maintained.

II.3 The administrators shall determine the number of copies to be provided of the documents exchanged. Each document will be accompanied by an abstract in English, 250 words or less, describing its scope and content.

II.4 This Arrangement shall have a term of five years; which may be extended further by mutual written agreement, or terminated by either party upon ninety-day notice.

II.5 The application or use of any information exchanged or transferred between the parties under this Arrangement shall be the responsibility of the receiving party, and the transmitting party does not warrant the suitability of such information for any particular use or application.

II.6 Recognizing that some information of the type covered in this Arrangement is not available within the agencies which are parties to this Arrangement, but is available from other agencies of the governments of the parties, each party will assist the other to the maximum extent possible by organizing visits and directing inquiries concerning such information to appropriate agencies of the government concerned. The foregoing shall not constitute a commitment of other agencies to furnish such information or to receive such visitors.

II.7 Nothing contained in this Arrangement shall require either party to take any action which would be inconsistent with its laws, regulations, and policy directives. No nuclear information related to proliferation-sensitive technologies will be exchanged under this Arrangement. Should any conflict arise between the terms of this Arrangement and those laws, regulations, and policy directives, the parties agree to consult before any action is taken.

### III. EXCHANGE AND USE OF INFORMATION

III.1 *General.* The parties support the widest possible dissemination of information provided or exchanged under this Arrangement, subject to the need to protect proprietary or other confidential or privileged information as may be exchanged hereunder.

III.2 *Definitions* (as used in Article III). *a.* The term “information” means nuclear energy-related regulatory, safety, safeguards, scientific, or technical data, including information on results or methods of research and development, and any other knowledge intended to be provided or exchanged under this Arrangement.

*b.* The term “proprietary information” means information which contains trade secrets or commercial or financial information which is privileged or confidential.

*c.* The term “other confidential or privileged information” means information, other than “proprietary information,” which is protected from public disclosure under the laws and regulations of the country providing the information and which has been transmitted and received in confidence.

III.3 *Marking Procedures for Documentary Proprietary Information.* A party receiving documentary proprietary information pursuant to this Arrangement shall respect the privileged nature thereof, provided such proprietary information is clearly marked with the following (or substantially similar) restrictive legend:

“This document contains proprietary information furnished in confidence under an Arrangement dated \_\_\_\_\_ between the United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission and the Finnish Institute of Radiation Protection and shall not be disseminated outside these organizations, their consultants, contractors, and licensees, and concerned departments and

agencies of the Government of the United States and the Government of Finland without the prior approval of (*name of submitting party*). This notice shall be marked on any reproduction hereof, in whole or in part. These limitations shall automatically terminate when this information is disclosed by the owner without restriction.”

III.4 *Dissemination of Documentary Proprietary Information.* a. Proprietary information received under this Arrangement may be freely disseminated by the receiving party without prior consent to persons within or employed by the receiving party, and to concerned Government departments and Government agencies in the country of the receiving party.

b. In addition, proprietary information may be disseminated without prior consent

- (1) To prime or subcontractors or consultants of the receiving party located within the geographical limits of that party's nation, for use only within the scope of work of their contracts with the receiving party in work relating to the subject matter of the proprietary information; and
- (2) To organizations permitted or licensed by the receiving party to construct or operate nuclear production or utilization facilities, or to use nuclear materials and radiation sources, provided that such proprietary information is used only within the terms of the permit or license; and
- (3) To contractors of organizations identified in III.4b. (2), above, for use only in work within the scope of the permit or license granted to such organizations,

Provided that any dissemination of proprietary information under (1), (2), and (3), above, shall be on an as-needed, case-by-case basis, and shall be pursuant to an agreement of confidentiality.

c. With the prior written consent of the party furnishing proprietary information under this Arrangement, the receiving party may disseminate such proprietary information more widely than otherwise permitted in subsections a. and b. The parties shall cooperate in developing procedures for requesting and obtaining approval for such wider dissemination, and each party will grant such approval to the extent permitted by its national policies, regulations, and laws.

III.5 *Marking Procedures for Other Confidential or Privileged Information of a Documentary Nature.* A party receiving under this Arrangement other confidential or privileged information shall respect its confidential nature, provided such information is clearly marked so as to indicate its confidential or privileged nature and is accompanied by a statement indicating

- a. That the information is protected from public disclosure by the Government of the transmitting party; and
- b. That the information is submitted under the condition that it be maintained in confidence.

III.6 *Dissemination of Other Confidential or Privileged Information of a Documentary Nature.* Other confidential or privileged information may be disseminated in the same manner as that set forth in paragraph III.4, Dissemination of Documentary Proprietary Information.

III.7 *Non-Documentary Proprietary or Other Confidential or Privileged Information.* Non-documentary proprietary or other confidential or privileged

information provided in seminars and other meetings arranged under this Arrangement, or information arising from the attachments of staff, use of facilities, or joint projects, shall be treated by the parties according to the principles specified for documentary information in this Arrangement; provided, however, that the party communicating such proprietary or other confidential or privileged information has placed the recipient on notice as to the character of the information communicated.

III.8 *Consultation.* If, for any reason, one of the parties becomes aware that it will be, or may reasonably be expected to become, unable to meet the nondissemination provisions of this Arrangement, it shall immediately inform the other party. The parties shall thereafter consult to define an appropriate course of action.

III.9 *Other.* Nothing contained in this Arrangement shall preclude a party from using or disseminating information received without restriction by a party from sources outside of this Arrangement.

SIGNED in Helsinki, Finland, on the 26th day of September 1980.

[Signed — Signé]<sup>1</sup>

On behalf of the Finnish  
Sateilyturvallisuuslaitos

[Signed — Signé]<sup>2</sup>

On behalf of the Finnish  
Sateilyturvallisuuslaitos

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On behalf of The United States  
Nuclear Regulatory Commission

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American Ambassador to Finland

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