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AGREEMENT¹ ON SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL CO-OPERATION BE-TWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED MEXICAN STATES AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE ARGENTINE REPUBLIC

The Government of the United Mexican States and the Government of the Argentine Republic,

Desiring to strengthen further the friendly relations existing between the two States by promoting scientific research and technological development,

Recognizing the advantages for both States of broad co-operation in science and technology,

Have agreed as follows:

Article 1. The High Contracting Parties shall promote co-operation in scientific research and technological development between the two States, and to that end they shall establish a broad programme with specific aims and projects in areas of mutual interest. The different areas of co-operation, together with the terms and conditions of each specific project and the procedures for its implementation, shall be determined by means of special agreements concluded through the diplomatic channel.

Article II. 1. Co-operation shall include in particular:

- (a) The exchange and training of scientists, technicians and other research personnel;
- (b) The exchange of scientific and technological information;
- (c) The joint execution of research and development programmes;
- (d) The utilization of laboratories or research centres;
- (e) The establishment and operation of research institutions and centres for testing and experimental production; and
- (f) The exchange of young technicians.

2. The Contracting Parties shall co-operate as far as possible in designating experts and in acquiring plant, equipment and other requisites.

Article III. 1. For the purposes of the implementation of this Agreement, a Mixed Commission shall meet every two years, alternately in Argentina and in Mexico. This Commission shall consist of Argentine and Mexican members, to be appointed by their respective Governments on the occasion of each meeting.

2. The Mixed Commission shall examine matters relating to the implementation of this Agreement, determine the programme of activities to be undertaken, periodically review the programme as a whole, and make recommendations to the two Governments. It may also suggest the convening of special meetings on specific projects or subjects.

Article IV. Each Government shall designate an executing agency which shall be responsible for co-ordinating and carrying out its part of the programme. The executing agencies shall closely co-ordinate the planning and execution of the programme of activities and shall keep the Mixed Commission informed as appropriate.

Article V. The cost of sending the scientific and other research personnel of one Contracting Party to the territory of the other for the purposes of this Agreement shall

¹ Came into force on 30 March 1977, the date on which the Contracting Parties notified each other of the completion of their respective legislative formalities, in accordance with article X (1).

be borne by the sending Party, provided that no specific conditions are laid down in the special agreements referred to in article I.

Article VI. 1. The exchange of scientific and technological information shall take place between the institutions designated by the Contracting Parties, in particular research institutes, documentation centres and specialized libraries.

2. The Contracting Parties may communicate information received to public institutions or public-utility institutions and enterprises financed by the Government and/ or State institutions. The transmission of information may be restricted or prohibited under the special agreements to be concluded in accordance with article I. The communication of information to other institutions or persons shall be prohibited or restricted when the other Contracting Party or the executing agencies designated by it so stipulate before or during an exchange.

3. Each Contracting Party shall guarantee that persons authorized to receive information under this Agreement, or under the special agreements to be concluded in implementation of this Agreement, will not communicate such information to institutions or persons not authorized to receive it under this Agreement or the special agreements to be concluded in accordance with article I.

Article VII. The Contracting Parties shall promote as far as possible the exchange and utilization of technical experiments and inventions protected by patents or registered trademarks held by individuals who are nationals of the Parties.

Article VIII. Each Contracting Party shall facilitate the entry and exit of scientists, technicians, equipment and materials from the other country, previously selected with the agreement of both Parties, which are by specific agreement to be used in any joint activity. These facilities shall include exemption from customs and immigration duties for the personnel and members of their families, within the limits of the national legislative provisions in force in the receiving country.

Article IX. Personnel sent in accordance with this Agreement shall be subject to the applicable national legislative provisions in force in their place of employment, as stipulated in the special agreements to be concluded in accordance with article I. Such personnel may not engage in any activity unrelated to their official duties in the host country without the prior authorization of both Parties.

Article X. 1. This Agreement shall enter into force on the date on which the two Contracting Parties notify each other that they have complied with their respective legislative formalities.

2. This Agreement shall remain in force for five years and shall be automatically renewed for successive two-year periods, unless either one of the Contracting Parties denounces it 12 months before it expires. This shall not affect the period of validity of special agreements concluded in accordance with article I.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the plenipotentiaries of the two Governments hereby sign and seal this Agreement, in duplicate.

DONE at Mexico City, D.F. on 12 February 1973.

For the Government of the United Mexican States: [Signed] EMILIO O. RABASA Secretary for Foreign Affairs For the Government of the Argentine Republic: [Signed] EDUARDO MCLOUGHLIN Minister for Foreign Affairs and Worship