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**MEXICO  
and  
GERMAN DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC**

**Basic Agreement on scientific and technical co-operation.  
Signed at Mexico City on 11 September 1981**

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Registered by Mexico on 27 August 1982.*

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et  
RÉPUBLIQUE DÉMOCRATIQUE ALLEMANDE**

**Accord de base relatif à la coopération scientifique et technique. Signé à Mexico le 11 septembre 1981**

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Enregistré par le Mexique le 27 août 1982.*

[TRANSLATION — TRADUCTION]

**BASIC AGREEMENT<sup>1</sup> ON SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL CO-OPERATION BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED MEXICAN STATES AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE GERMAN DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC**

The Government of the United Mexican States and the Government of the German Democratic Republic, on the basis of the friendly relations existing between the two countries and prompted by the desire to promote and continue developing scientific and technical co-operation in accordance with the universally recognized principles of international law, have agreed as follows:

*Article 1.* The two Parties undertake to encourage scientific and technical co-operation between the two States, and, on the basis of this Agreement, shall draw up biennial programmes involving projects of mutual interest in fields to be agreed upon by the Parties.

*Article 2.* For the purposes referred to in the preceding article, the co-operation to be developed between the two countries may take any of the following forms:

- (a) Supplying the services of experts such as instructors, research workers, technicians and specialists with the aim of:
- Taking part in research;
  - Collaborating in the training of scientific and technical personnel;
  - Providing scientific and technical collaboration with regard to specific problems; and
  - Contributing to the study of projects selected by the Parties jointly;
- (b) Taking part in studies, vocational training programmes, experimental projects, working groups and other related activities;
- (c) Providing the necessary equipment for training or research, taking into account the economic potential of the two countries;
- (d) Enabling individuals to take part in postgraduate studies, specialisation, training and study tours, with a view to the acquisition of knowledge and experience at institutions of higher learning, research institutions and other establishments; and
- (e) Any other form of technical and scientific co-operation agreed upon by the two Parties.

*Article 3.* For the purpose of carrying out the objectives of this Agreement, a Joint Commission on Scientific and Technical Co-operation shall be established, composed of representatives appointed by the respective Parties.

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<sup>1</sup> Applied provisionally from 11 September 1981, the date of signature, and came into force definitively on 3 February 1982, the date on which the Parties notified each other that it had been approved in conformity with their respective legal provisions, in accordance with article 14.

The Joint Commission shall meet every two years, alternately in the United Mexican States and the German Democratic Republic, on dates to be agreed through the diplomatic channel.

*Article 4.* The Joint Commission shall examine matters relating to the implementation of this Agreement; it shall decide upon the biennial programme of activities to be undertaken, periodically review the programme as a whole and make recommendations to the two Parties;

The Parties may also suggest the convening of special meetings to consider specific projects or subjects.

*Article 5.* Each Party shall designate, in accordance with its domestic legislation, the competent national bodies to implement this Agreement, and shall inform the other Party thereof through the diplomatic channel.

All matters relating to the implementation of this Agreement not provided for herein shall be covered by specific agreements.

*Article 6.* The financing terms and the procedures for scientific and technical co-operation referred to in this Agreement shall be established in specific agreements.

*Article 7.* If the specific agreements relating to this Agreement which are referred to in articles 5 and 6 make provision for the use of experts, the host Party shall exempt the experts from all liability in respect of claims or obligations resulting from their activities relating to the Agreement, unless those claims or obligations are due to grave negligence or fraudulent conduct on the part of the said experts.

*Article 8.* Articles imported or exported under the specific agreements relating to this Basic Agreement shall be exempt, in accordance with the existing provisions of the domestic legislation of each Party, from customs duties and other taxes normally imposed on articles imported or exported.

*Article 9.* Each Party shall facilitate the completion of all the formalities pertaining to the entry, sojourn and departure of experts sent pursuant to this Agreement, and of their family members, in accordance with the domestic legal provisions in force.

*Article 10.* The exchange of scientific and technical information between the two Parties shall be conducted through the competent agencies. Documents and information exchanged within the framework of scientific and technical co-operation may be transmitted or disclosed to third persons, whether natural or legal persons, or to third countries, only with the prior consent of the competent body supplying the documents or information. When dissemination is permitted, the competent agencies shall decide upon the conditions and extent thereof.

*Article 11.* The Party hosting the exports shall appoint the staff necessary for the efficient implementation of the programmes and projects. The experts shall provide the support staff of the host country with the requisite information regarding methods and practices to be followed in implementing the respective programmes and projects, as well as the principles underlying them.

*Article 12.* The provisions of this Agreement shall govern any supplementary agreement concluded in the area of scientific and technical co-operation.

*Article 13.* Either Party may request that this Agreement be revised or amended, it being understood that the agreed amendments shall enter into force as from the respective date of approval.

*Article 14.* This Agreement shall apply provisionally from the date of its signature and shall enter into force on the date on which the two Parties notify each other that the Agreement has been approved in accordance with their respective legal provisions.

This Agreement shall remain in force for five years and shall be considered automatically renewed for periods of one year unless one of the Parties notifies the other in writing, at least six months before the expiry of the period of validity, that it is denouncing the Agreement.

Denunciation shall not affect ongoing projects agreed upon during the period of validity of the Agreement, unless the Parties agree otherwise.

DONE at Mexico City, on 11 September 1981, in two original copies, each in Spanish and German, both texts being equally authentic.

For the Government  
of the United Mexican States:

[Signed]

JORGE CASTAÑEDA

For the Government  
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[Signed]

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