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## BASIC AGREEMENT<sup>1</sup> BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED MEXICAN STATES AND THE GOVERNMENT OF AUSTRALIA ON SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL CO-OPERATION

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The Government of the United Mexican States and the Government of Australia (hereinafter called the Parties),

Desiring to strengthen the close bonds of friendship existing between the two countries;

Considering the interest of both Parties to promote bilateral scientific and technological co-operation for peaceful purposes and for their mutual benefit, in accordance with their shared objectives of economic and social development;

Recognising the beneficial effects that such co-operation has on the standard of life and the well-being of the peoples of their respective countries;

Have agreed as follows:

*Article I.* The Parties shall facilitate and encourage scientific and technological co-operation for peaceful purposes between organizations in the public and private sectors of each country.

*Article II.* The Parties shall define the areas in which scientific and technological co-operation should take place and the ways and means of promoting and implementing them.

Such co-operation may be implemented in the following forms:

- (a) The exchange of scientific and technical information and documentation;
- (b) The exchange of scientists and other personnel engaged in activities in the fields of scientific and technological research and development;
- (c) The exchange of scientific and technological materials and equipment;
- (d) The pursuit of joint projects; and
- (e) Other forms of co-operation to be arranged by mutual consent.

*Article III.* For the purpose of promoting the aims of this Agreement a Joint Mexican-Australian Commission for Scientific and Technological Co-operation, consisting of representatives designated by each Party, shall be established.

The Joint Commission shall meet every two years alternatively in Mexico and Australia at dates mutually arranged through the diplomatic channel.

The Joint Commission shall monitor the effective implementation of this Agreement, shall formulate a biennial program of activities to be undertaken,

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<sup>1</sup> Came into force on 4 March 1982, i.e., one month after the last of the notifications by which the Parties informed each other (on 22 September 1981 and 4 February 1982) of the completion of their constitutional procedures, in accordance with article IX.

shall review periodically the program as a whole and shall make recommendations to both Parties. The Parties may propose the convening of special meetings to study projects or other specific matters.

*Article IV.* The costs of international transport arising from the implementation of this Agreement which involve the sending of personnel from the territory of one Party to the territory of the other Party shall be borne by the sending Party.

The cost of lodging, food, local transport and necessary expenditure for the implementation of the program shall be borne by the receiving Party, unless alternative arrangements are mutually arranged for special cases.

The conditions relating to the financing and other matters connected with joint studies and projects envisaged in Article 2 shall be mutually arranged in each case applying, where possible, the stipulations of the previous paragraphs of this Article.

*Article V.* Each Party shall grant the facilities necessary for the entry, stay and departure of personnel who in their official capacity participate in co-operative projects. These personnel shall be subject to the national laws of the receiving country and shall not engage in any activity beyond their functions without the previous authorisation of the two Parties.

At the same time both Parties shall grant the administrative and fiscal facilities necessary for the entry and departure of equipment and materials which shall be used in the implementation of projects in accordance with their national laws.

*Article VI.* The form and extent of the dissemination of information obtained as a result of the joint scientific and technological research effected under this Agreement shall be mutually arranged for each case by both Parties.

When information is provided by one Party, it may draw attention to restrictions on dissemination if it judges this to be necessary.

*Article VII.* Either of the Parties can request the revision and amendment of this Agreement on the understanding that the revisions or amendments mutually agreed to shall enter into force after the date of their respective approval.

*Article VIII.* The provisions of this Agreement shall govern whatever complementary arrangements are made relating to scientific and technological co-operation.

*Article IX.* This Agreement shall enter into force one month after the date on which the Parties give notice in writing to each other, through the diplomatic channel, that the necessary constitutional procedures in their respective countries have been complied with. It shall remain in force for five years and thereafter may be extended by tacit agreement for additional periods of five years.

This Agreement may be terminated by notification given at least six months prior to the date of expiry of the current period of validity.

The termination of this Agreement shall not affect the continuation or termination of projects or specific programs implemented in accordance with its provisions.

DONE at Mexico City on the twenty-fourth day of June, one thousand nine hundred and eighty-one, in two originals in the Spanish and English languages, both texts being equally authentic.

For the Government  
of the United Mexican States:

[Signed]

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