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**SPAIN
and
GERMAN DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC**

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Signed at Madrid on 13 January 1984**

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[TRANSLATION — TRADUCTION]

BASIC AGREEMENT¹ ON SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL CO-OPERATION BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF SPAIN AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE GERMAN DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC

The Government of Spain and the Government of the German Democratic Republic,

Prompted by the desire to promote and extend scientific and technical co-operation between the two countries,

Considering the mutual advantages of such co-operation and the fact that it will help strengthen relations between the two countries,

Bearing in mind the spirit of the Final Act of the Conference on Security and Co-operation in Europe,²

Have decided to conclude this Agreement on Scientific and Technical Co-operation.

Article 1. 1. The Contracting Parties shall promote scientific and technical co-operation between the two countries.

2. The Joint Commission, established in accordance with article 4 of this Basic Agreement, shall identify, by agreement between the respective delegations, the sectors in which co-operation shall be developed, taking into account the potential existing in each of the areas concerned.

3. The individual sectors of co-operation shall be covered by supplementary agreements to be concluded between the Contracting Parties or, with their approval, between the bodies designated by them.

4. The Contracting Parties shall facilitate the establishment of direct contacts between the bodies designated for the preparation of supplementary agreements and the implementation of the co-operation in question. The aforementioned bodies shall keep the competent ministries in each country constantly informed with regard to such contacts.

Article 2. In accordance with the laws in force in their respective territories the Contracting Parties shall promote the implementation of scientific and technical co-operation, in particular, through:

1. Discussions and consultations between scientists and experts with regard to sectors and topics of mutual interest;
2. Exchanges of technical information, documentation and films, between scientific and technical bodies and institutions;
3. Invitations to participate in each other's scientific conferences and symposia, and undertaking joint courses and specific scientific activities;
4. The execution of joint studies of problems in the applied sciences, including possible application of results in accordance with their respective national laws;

¹ Came into force on 22 May 1985, the date on which the Parties had notified each other (on 29 March 1984 and 22 May 1985) of the completion of the internal constitutional formalities required, in accordance with article 5 (1).

² *International Legal Materials*, vol. 14 (1975), p. 1292 (American Society of International Law).

5. Exchanges of scientists and experts to perform joint research projects, practical training and experimental work of mutual interest;
6. Exchanges of scientific and technical results between scientific and technical bodies and institutions of the two countries on the basis of supplementary agreements.

Article 3. 1. Each Contracting Party shall, in accordance with the laws in force in its own territory, grant the scientists and experts conducting the co-operation projects agreed upon by both Parties the necessary facilities for carrying out their tasks.

2. Each Contracting Party shall meet the expenses of any scientists and experts it may send, including the cost of accommodation and meals. The host Party shall defray the cost of journeys undertaken within the country in connection with the execution of the project.

3. Within the Joint Commission set up under article 4, different financial arrangements may be established, by mutual agreement and for specific projects, at the suggestion of either Party.

Article 4. 1. To facilitate implementation of this Basic Agreement and of the supplementary agreements provided for in article 1, a Spanish-German Joint Commission for Scientific and Technical Co-operation shall be set up.

2. The Joint Commission shall meet at least every two years alternately in Berlin and Madrid. It shall be composed of representatives of the scientific and technical authorities, bodies and institutions of the Contracting Parties. If one of the Contracting Parties requests a special meeting of the Joint Commission, the latter must meet within three months of the date of the request. Each Party shall notify the other in a timely manner of the composition of its delegation, indicating who is the head thereof.

3. The most important duties of the Joint Commission shall be to:

- (a) Identify sectors and topics suitable for scientific and technical co-operation;
- (b) Discuss matters related to implementation of this Basic Agreement and of the supplementary agreements;
- (c) Propose measures to facilitate realization of the co-operation.

4. At the end of each meeting of the Joint Commission, a record of the proceedings shall be drawn up and signed by the heads of the two delegations. The record shall list new sectors and topics of co-operation, and the supplementary agreements in force.

Article 5. 1. This Basic Agreement shall enter into force on the date on which the two Contracting Parties notify each other via the diplomatic channel that they have completed the internal constitutional formalities required for its entry into force.

2. This Basic Agreement shall remain in force for a period of five years and shall be renewed automatically for equal periods of time unless one of the Contracting Parties denounces it in writing at least six months before it expires.

3. If the Basic Agreement is so denounced, its provisions shall remain in force during the period and for as long as is necessary to ensure rapid completion of the programmes and projects established pursuant to the supplementary agreements, which shall expire upon the completion of such programmes and projects.

DONE at Madrid, on 13 January 1984, in duplicate, in the Spanish and German languages, both texts being equally authentic.

For the Government
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[Signed]

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