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**MEXICO  
and  
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**Basic Agreement of scientific and technical co-operation.  
Signed at Mexico City on 22 February 1985**

*Authentic texts: Spanish and English.*

*Registered by Mexico on 1 July 1987.*

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*Enregistré par le Mexique le 1<sup>er</sup> juillet 1987.*

## BASIC AGREEMENT<sup>1</sup> OF SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL COOPERATION BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED MEXICAN STATES AND THE GOVERNMENT OF BELIZE

The Government of the United Mexican States and the Government of Belize referred to hereafter as the Contracting Parties:

Considering their existing excellent relations and desirous to further strengthening them, through the development of scientific and technical cooperation,

Recognising that the establishment of a broad and firm framework of reference for technical cooperation shall be of mutual benefit;

Have agreed to the following:

*Article I.* The Contracting Parties shall develop scientific and technical cooperation in priority areas according to their respective development policies through specific projects of mutual interest.

*Article II.* The Contracting Parties shall coordinate and facilitate all those undertakings of scientific and technical cooperation that are carried out under the aegis of the various specific agreements or understandings that for the purpose of strengthening the relations of scientific and technical cooperation are entered into by organizations and entities of both countries.

*Article III.* In regard to scientific-technical cooperation, the Contracting Parties agree to carry out exchanges in the following areas:

- i) Information
- ii) Specialists
- iii) Development of Human Resources
- iv) Material and Equipment
- v) Joint Development Projects in the Fields of Science and Technology
- vi) Organizing Seminars, Conferences and Exhibitions, or
- vii) Any other related modality which may be agreed to.

*Article IV.* So as to ensure the coordination of action necessary for the implementation of this Agreement and so as to achieve the best conditions for its applications, the Contracting Parties establish a Mixed Commission for Scientific and Technical Cooperation between Mexico and Belize.

*Article V.* The Mixed Commission will meet alternately every two years in each of the two countries, on the dates and cities to be agreed to through diplomatic channels. The Contracting Parties may call, subject to common agreement, special meetings for the study of specific projects and ideas when they so consider it necessary.

*Article VI.* The Mixed Commission will oversee the effective implementation of the present Agreement, will develop the biennial work programme, will evaluate and check the joint programme, will make recommendations it considers pertinent to the Contracting Parties and will adopt its own rules of procedure.

<sup>1</sup> Came into force on 18 November 1986, the date on which the Contracting Parties informed each other of the completion of the necessary requirements, in accordance with article XVI.

*Article VII.* For Mexico, the executing organ in charge of coordinating the activities emanating from the present Agreement shall be the Secretariat of Foreign Relations of Mexico. For Belize shall be the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

*Article VIII.* The organizations or entities from both countries responsible for putting into effect the inter-institutional agreements or understandings foreseen under Article II of the present Agreement, shall inform the Mixed Commission on the result of their activities and shall submit proposals for the subsequent development of cooperation.

*Article IX.* Subject to their internal legislation, both Parties will extend the necessary applicable facilities for the entry and exit of personnel, and material equipment that is utilized for the implementation of the projects convened under the present Agreement.

*Article X.* Personnel sent to one of the Contracting Parties by the Other, shall be subject, in the place of performance of their activities, to the national legislation of the receiving country, this personnel shall not undertake in the receiving country any activity outside its functions, nor will it be able to receive emoluments apart from those stipulated, without the previous authorization of the Contracting Parties.

*Article XI.* With respect to the exchange of information and to its dissemination, the laws and other regulations in force in both countries will be observed, as well as the respective international commitments, and the rights and obligations that may be agreed to in relation to third parties. Whenever the information is forwarded or provided by one Contracting Party, it will be able to indicate, whenever it considers it necessary, restrictions with respect to its dissemination.

*Article XII.* The Contracting Parties shall be able to apply for financing and for the participation of international organizations, for the execution of projects and programs that may be convened under the present Agreement.

*Article XIII.* The expenses relating to international transport incurred when sending personnel provided for under Article III of the present Agreement, from one of the Contracting Parties to the territory of the Other, will be met by the Party sending the personnel. The cost of housing, food, internal transportation, medical attention and other expenses necessary for carrying out the program will be met by the receiving country, unless it is expressly specified otherwise, or are the subject of the specific agreements referred to in Article II.

*Article XIV.* Any dispute or conflict between the Contracting Parties relating to the interpretation or execution of this Agreement will be resolved through mutual agreement.

*Article XV.* The present Agreement may be modified with the consent of the Contracting Parties, at the request of any of them. The modifications convened in the terms of the present Article, shall be formalized through the exchange of diplomatic notes and shall come into force on the date when the Contracting Parties mutually report to each other having met the legal requirements necessary for such modification.

*Article XVI.* The present Agreement shall enter into effect on the date when the Contracting Parties mutually inform through the diplomatic channels, having met the necessary requirements to that end, and shall be in force for five (5) years, automatically renewable for additional periods of five years each.

*Article XVII.* The present Agreement may be denounced by any of the Contracting Parties through a written notification to the Other, to be made six months in advance to the date of termination, in which case the termination of the Agreement shall not prejudice the continuation and conclusion of contracts, agreements or understandings

convened during the time this Agreement is in force. In witness thereof, the representatives of Mexico and Belize, duly authorized by their respective Governments, sign the present Agreement.

DONE in the City of Mexico the twenty-second day of the month of February in the year one thousand nine hundred and eighty-five, in two copies in Spanish and English, both being equally valid.

For the Government  
of the United Mexican States:

[Signed]

BERNARDO SEPÚLVEDA AMOR  
Secretary of Foreign Relations

For the Government  
of Belize:

[Signed]

DEAN OLIVER BARROW  
Minister of Foreign Affairs