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BASIC AGREEMENT¹ ON SCIENTIFIC, TECHNICAL AND TECHNOLOGICAL COOPERATION BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED MEXICAN STATES AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE CZECH REPUBLIC

The Government of the United Mexican States and the Government of the Czech Republic, hereinafter referred to as "the Parties".

MOTIVATED by the desire to strengthen the traditional ties of friendship existing between the Parties.

CONSCIOUS of their common interest in promoting and fostering scientific and technological cooperation and of the mutual advantage that would result from cooperation in fields of common interest.

CONVINCED of the importance of establishing mechanisms that contribute to the development of such cooperation and of the need to implement scientific, technical and technological cooperation programmes that have a significant impact on the economic and social advancement of their respective countries.

Have agreed as follows:

ARTICLE I

1. Based on the provisions of this Agreement, the Parties hereby commit themselves to formulate and execute, by mutual agreement, programmes and projects on scientific, technical and technological cooperation, taking into account the priorities of the two countries in research and development.

¹ Came into force on 4 January 1996 by notification, in accordance with article IX.

2. In their execution, such programmes and projects may involve the participation of entities and bodies, including those in the public and private sectors of both countries as well as universities, scientific, technical and technological organizations and wherever deemed appropriate, non-governmental organizations.

3. On the basis of this Agreement, the Parties may sign supplementary scientific, technical and technological cooperation agreements in specific areas as agreed upon; if deemed necessary, concerned institutions in the two Parties may also conclude separate agreements.

ARTICLE II

Scientific, technical and technological cooperation between the Parties could be effected through the following arrangements:

1. Joint or coordinated research and development programmes and projects;
2. Exchange of scientific and other researches in order to they might transfer their scientific and technical knowledge, experience and give lectures, and to become acquainted with science and technology;
3. Organizing seminars, workshops and conferences;
4. Exchange of scientific and technological information, data, laboratory samples and instruments;
5. Other forms of cooperation agreed by the Parties.

ARTICLE III

1. A joint Commission on Scientific, Technical and Technological Cooperation composed of representatives of the Parties, will be set up in order to bring about effective coordination of the activities under this Agreement. The Commission will meet biennial alternately in each of the two countries on the dates agreed upon through diplomatic channels. The Commission will have the following functions:

- a) to define the priority areas for scientific, technical and technological cooperation projects and programmes;
- b) to review and approve biennial scientific, technical and technological cooperation projects and programmes;
- c) to oversee the proper implementation of this Agreement and submit to the Parties its recommendations for an effective implementation of this Agreement.

2. Without prejudice to the provisions of paragraph 1 of this Article, either Party may, at any date, submit specific projects or programmes for the consideration and approval of the other Party.

ARTICLE IV

As and when deemed appropriate, the participation of multilateral technical cooperation agencies as well as the institutions of third countries will be promoted by mutual agreement.

ARTICLE V

Whenever deemed necessary, the Parties may, by mutual consent, request for financing from and the participation of international agencies in the execution of programmes and projects carried out under this Agreement.

ARTICLE VI

Each Party shall provide to the personnel of the other Party in its territory in connection with the execution of projects and programmes all the facilities necessary for their functioning. This would include facilities for their entry, stay and exit in its territory. The personnel sent to one of the Parties by the Other shall be subject to the provisions of the national legislation of the receiving country. Such personnel in no case shall engage any activity other than their functions, neither receive any remuneration beyond that stipulated, without prior authorization of the Parties hereto.

ARTICLE VII

The treatment of the intellectual property arising from the cooperative activities under this Agreement shall be governed by the laws and regulations in force in both countries.

ARTICLE VIII

The Government of the United Mexican States appoints the Secretariat of Foreign Relations and the Government of the Czech Republic appoints the Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports, as their executing organizations for this Agreement.

ARTICLE IX

1. This Agreement shall enter into force from the date when the Parties notify each other of the completion of the necessary national legal procedures through their diplomatic channels. The Agreement will then remain in force for the next five years and will then be automatically renewed for subsequent periods of five years at a time unless either of the Parties serves written notice to the Other six months in advance of its intention to terminate the Agreement prior to its expiry, through of diplomatic channels.

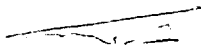
2. This Agreement may be amended by mutual consent and the amendment agreed upon shall enter into force as soon as each Party notifies the other through diplomatic channels the completion of the formalities as required by its national legislation.

3. The programmes and projects already under execution will not be affected in case the Agreement would be terminated; unless the Parties agree to the contrary, such programmes and projects will continue to be executed until their completion.

4. The Basic Agreement on the Science and Technical Cooperation between the Government of the United Mexican States and the Government of the Czechoslovak Socialist Republic signed on April 20th, 1979 in Mexico City will be automatically terminated from the date when this Agreement comes into force.

Done in Mexico City on this 4th day of May, 1995 in two originals each in Spanish, Czech and English languages, all the texts being equally authentic. In the case of doubt on interpretation the English text shall prevail.

For the Government
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