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THE TEXT OF THE AGREEMENT ESTABLISHING THE ASIAN REGIONAL CO-OPERATIVE PROJECT ON MEDICAL AND BIOLOGICAL APPLICATIONS OF NUCLEAR TECHNIQUES

1. The text ^{1/} of the Agreement Establishing the Asian Regional Co-operative Project on Medical and Biological Applications of Nuclear Techniques between the Agency and Member States is reproduced herein for the information of all Members. Article X, paragraph 1, thereof specifies the Member States that may become party to it. This Project was established pursuant to Sections 4 and 5 of Article II of the Regional Co-operative Agreement for Research, Development and Training Related to Nuclear Science and Technology (INFCIRC/167 and INFCIRC/167/Add.8 and Add.11).
2. The Governments of Japan, Bangladesh and the Philippines notified the Agency of their acceptances of the Agreement on 25 March 1986, 30 April 1986 and 20 May 1986 respectively. It consequently entered into force on the latter date, pursuant to Article X, paragraph 2.
3. With respect to the Governments accepting the Agreement thereafter, it entered into force, pursuant to Article X, paragraph 2, on the dates of such acceptances as indicated below:

Indonesia	21 May 1986
Sri Lanka	21 August 1986
Pakistan	11 November 1986

^{1/} The footnote to the text has been added in the present information circular.

**AGREEMENT ESTABLISHING THE ASIAN REGIONAL CO-OPERATIVE
PROJECT ON MEDICAL AND BIOLOGICAL APPLICATIONS
OF NUCLEAR TECHNIQUES**

The International Atomic Energy Agency (hereinafter referred to as the "Agency") and the Governments Parties to this Agreement (hereinafter referred to as the "Parties");

Believing that the establishment of a Regional Co-operative Project on Medical and Biological Applications of Nuclear Techniques (hereinafter referred to as the "Project") will contribute to the solution of medical problems in the developing countries, the Governments of which are Parties to the Regional Co-operative Agreement for Research, Development and Training Related to Nuclear Science and Technology, as extended on 12 June 1977 and on 12 June 1982 (hereinafter referred to as the "Regional Co-operative Agreement") 2/;

Desiring to strengthen further their co-operation and to promote closer co-ordination of their efforts in this area of common interest in order to promote the medical welfare; and

Having negotiated the establishment of the Project pursuant to Sections 4 and 5 of Article II of the Regional Co-operative Agreement;

Have agreed as follows:

ARTICLE I

The objective of the Project shall be to establish and co-ordinate co-operative researches for the promotion of medical and biological applications of nuclear techniques, and training for the transfer of developed techniques.

ARTICLE II

1. Each Party shall carry out the portion of the Project assigned to it in accordance with paragraph 3 of Article III. In particular, each

2/ Reproduced in documents INFCIRC/167 and INFCIRC/167/Add.8 and Add.11.

Party shall, subject to its domestic laws and regulations:

- (a) Make available the necessary scientific and technical facilities and personnel for the implementation of the Project; and
 - (b) Take every possible measure for the acceptance of scientists, engineers or technical experts designated by the other Parties or by the Agency to work at designated installations, and for the assignment of scientists, engineers or technical experts at its own expenses to work at installations designated by the other Parties which accept them for the purpose of carrying out the Project.
2. Each Party shall submit to the Agency an annual report on the implementation of the portion of the Project carried out by it.
 3. Each Party, subject to its domestic laws and regulations and in accordance with its respective budgetary appropriations, shall contribute, financially or otherwise, to the effective implementation of the Project and shall notify annually the Agency of its contribution.

ARTICLE III

1. There shall be established a Scientific Co-ordinating Committee of the Project (hereinafter referred to as the "Project Committee").
2. The Project Committee shall consist of one representative from each Party and one representative from the Agency. These representatives may be accompanied by advisers.
3. The functions of the Project Committee shall be:
 - (a) To determine details of the Project according to the objective set forth in Article I;
 - (b) To establish and to amend as necessary the portion of the Project to be assigned to each Party, subject to the consent of such Party;

- (c) To supervise the implementation of the Project; and
 - (d) To make necessary recommendations to the Parties and to the Agency with respect to the Project and to keep under review the implementation of such recommendations.
4. The Project Committee shall meet as required and, in any case, at least once every year.

ARTICLE IV

1. The Agency shall perform Secretariat duties under this Agreement.
2. The Agency, on the basis of the recommendations made by the Project Committee in accordance with paragraph 3 of Article III and in consultation with the Project Committee, shall:
- (a) Establish annually a schedule of work and modalities for the implementation of the Project;
 - (b) Allocate among the Parties the contributions made in accordance with Articles II and V;
 - (c) Endeavour to provide technical and other assistance to the Parties in support of their co-operative activities under this Agreement;
 - (d) Consider the reports submitted by the Parties on the implementation of their portions of the Project;
 - (e) Assist the Parties in the exchange of information and in compiling, publishing and distributing reports on the Project as appropriate; and
 - (f) Provide scientific and administrative support for the meetings of the Project Committee.

ARTICLE V

1. The Agency may invite any Member State other than the Parties to contribute financially or otherwise to the Project, through bilateral arrangements between the Agency and the Member State concerned.

2. The Agency shall inform the Parties of such arrangements.
3. The Agency shall administer the contributions made in accordance with Article II and paragraph 1 of this Article, in compliance with this Agreement and in accordance with its financial regulations and other applicable rules. The Agency shall keep separate records and accounts for each such contribution.

ARTICLE VI

The Agency and each Party shall ensure the application to the activities carried out under the Project of the relevant safety standards and measures as provided by the Agency, in accordance with the applicable laws and regulations of each Party concerned.

ARTICLE VII

Each Party undertakes that any assistance provided to it under the Agreement shall be used only for peaceful purposes.

ARTICLE VIII

Neither the Agency nor any Government making contributions pursuant to Article II or V shall be held responsible towards the Parties or any person claiming through them for the safe implementation of the Project.

ARTICLE IX

Any dispute which may arise with respect to the interpretation or application of this Agreement shall be settled through consultations between the Parties involved in the dispute.

ARTICLE X

1. Any Government Party to the Regional Co-operative Agreement may become a Party to this Agreement, to which the Agency shall be an original Party, by notification of its acceptance thereof to the Director General of the Agency.

2. This Agreement shall enter into force on the date of receipt by the Director General of the Agency of the third notification of acceptance. With respect to Governments accepting this Agreement thereafter, it shall enter into force on the date of receipt by the Director General of the Agency of such acceptance.

3. This Agreement shall continue in force for a period of five years from the date of its entry into force, provided that the Regional Co-operative Agreement remains in force.

DONE in Vienna, on 20 February 1986, in the English language.