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The Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Kingdom of Belgium,

Having mutual interest in the peaceful uses of atomic energy and its application to the merchant marine,

Have agreed as follows :

GENERAL DISPOSITIONS

Article 1

The entry of the *N/S Savannah* (hereafter referred to as the "Ship") into the Belgian waters or into one or more Belgian ports and the use thereof shall be subject to the prior approval of the Government of the Kingdom of Belgium.

Article 2

A visit of the Ship to the Belgian territory shall be governed by the principles and procedures set forth in Chapter VIII of the Safety of Life at Sea Convention² as adopted by the 1960 London Conference and the adopted Annex C to the Convention, being the Recommendations applicable to nuclear ships.

Article 3

The Operator and the Master of the Ship shall comply with the national police regulations for the shipping in the waters of the Belgian coast and in the lower Sea Scheldt unless the Operator or the Master provides evidence to the satisfaction of the designated authorities that such regulations would adversely affect the operating safety of the nuclear plant.

¹ Came into force on 27 November 1963, the day on which each Government received from the other Government written notification that it had complied with all the statutory and constitutional requirements for the entry into force of the Agreement, in accordance with the provisions of article 16.

² *International Conference on Safety of Life at Sea, 1960* (Inter-Governmental Maritime Consultative Organization publication, Sales No. IMCO. 1960.I), p. 20.

Article 4

The Government of the Kingdom of Belgium shall determine the port or ports to be visited by the Ship and will designate the authorities (hereafter referred to in this Agreement as « designated authorities ») in charge of the acceptance arrangements and special control under Regulation 11 of Chapter VIII of the foresaid Solas Convention.

Article 5

The Government of the Kingdom of Belgium shall be informed in due time of the name and the location of the United States representative in Belgium for the purpose of the visit of the Ship.

PARTICULAR DISPOSITIONS

Article 6

SAFETY ASSESSMENT

(a) To enable the Government of the Kingdom of Belgium to consider the grant for approval for entry into the Belgian waters and ports and the use thereof by the Ship, the Government of the United States shall provide a Safety Assessment prepared in accordance with Regulation 7 of Chapter VIII of the Solas Convention 1960 and in accordance with Recommendation 9 of Annex C of that Convention.

(b) As soon as practicable after receipt of the Safety Assessment, the Government of the Kingdom of Belgium shall notify the Government of the United States that the Ship can be operated in the Belgian waters and ports in accordance with this agreement, the Safety Assessment and the Operating Manual.

Article 7

PORT ARRANGEMENTS

(a) The designated authorities shall make arrangements with appropriate governmental and municipal authorities for entrance of the Ship into Belgian ports and the use thereof.

(b) Local authorities shall provide for normal fire and police protection, crowd control and general preparation of the harbor with respect to the acceptance of the Ship.

(c) Control of public access to the Ship shall be the responsibility of the Master of the Ship. Special arrangement relating to such control shall be developed by the Master with the concurrence of designated authorities.