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[TRANSLATION—TRADUCTION]

No. 7825. AGREEMENT¹ ESTABLISHING THE LATIN AMERICAN PHYSICS CENTRE. SIGNED AT RIO DE JANEIRO, ON 26 MARCH 1962

The Contracting Parties,

Having in mind resolution 2.121 of the General Conference of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, dated 14 December 1960, and resolution 72 of the Executive Board of that Organization, dated 7 June 1961;

Believing the development of scientific research in the field of physics to be an essential basis for economic and social progress;

Considering :

That there is an urgent need to raise the scientific level and to increase the number of teachers and research scientists in the various branches of physics;

That for that purpose a major co-operative effort at the regional level is required;

That it is therefore highly desirable that a Latin American Physics Centre be established to promote and facilitate in Latin America research in physics and the training of research physicists and university teachers of physics,
Have agreed as follows :

Article I

ESTABLISHMENT

A Latin American Physics Centre, hereinafter referred to as the " Centre ", is hereby established, with its headquarters at the Centro Brasileiro de Pesquisas Físicas.

Article II

FUNCTIONS

1. The main function of the Centre shall be to carry out scientific research and organize specialized instruction in the physical sciences, concentrating

¹ In accordance with the provisions of article XIV, paragraph 4, the Agreement came into force on 10 June 1965, Brazil and the five other States listed below having signed it without reservation as to acceptance* on that date or having signed it subject to acceptance and having deposited their instruments of acceptance with the Director General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization on the dates indicated :

Cuba*	26 March	1962
Ecuador	24 January	1964
Mexico	28 July	1964
Brazil	11 August	1964
Peru	25 November	1964
Nicaragua	10 June	1965

primarily on regular and advanced training of research physicists and university teachers in Latin America and on the co-ordination of efforts to implement large-scale programmes in the field of physics. An additional function of the Centre shall be to assist in establishing research groups in the field of physics, particularly in countries where no such groups exist. The Centre shall carry out such special programmes as are required in the various branches of physics, particularly with regard to problems of national interest for one or more member States, and shall provide technical advice upon request.

2. To achieve these purposes, the Centre shall have at its disposal, under agreements which it may conclude :

- (a) The facilities, laboratories and scientific and technical staff of the scientific institutions of the member States participating in the work of the Centre. The object of the above-mentioned agreements shall be to facilitate co-operation between all the physics research institutions and to make it possible for all their research physicists to work in the Latin American laboratory or institution most suited to their special field.
- (b) The services of physicists engaged in research and university teaching in Latin America.
- (c) Additional facilities, laboratories and staff as laid down in the work programmes. These facilities and laboratories may be at the headquarters of the Centre or in any other place chosen by the governing bodies of the Centre.
- (d) Facilities, laboratories and scientific, technical and administrative staff provided by the Centro Brasileiro de Pesquisas Físicas.

Article III

MEMBERSHIP

1. The members of the Centre shall be the Latin American States which become parties to this Agreement.

2. The following States shall be considered Latin American States for the purposes of this Agreement : Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, the Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Ecuador, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Uruguay and Venezuela.

Article IV

ORGANS

The Centre shall include :

- (a) A General Assembly.
- (b) A Governing Council.
- (c) Scientific, technical and administrative staff under a Director.

Article V

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

1. The General Assembly shall consist of one representative, preferably a qualified physicist, of each State member of the Centre and of one representative of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization; the latter representative shall not have the right to vote. Each representative may have one alternate.

2. Each member State of the Centre shall have one vote in the General Assembly.

3. The Assembly shall be the supreme organ of the Centre. It shall determine, at its regular sessions, the main features of the programme and the budgetary policy of the Centre, and shall consider the biennial report on the work of the Centre submitted by the Director of the Centre, together with the comments of the Governing Council.

4. The General Assembly shall elect the Governing Council.

5. Regular sessions of the General Assembly shall be convened by the Chairman of the Governing Council. At each regular session, a President and two Vice-Presidents shall be elected. At the opening of each regular session of the General Assembly, the representative of the State of which the President of the previous session was a national shall serve as acting President until the General Assembly has elected the President for the current session.

6. The General Assembly shall adopt its own rules of procedure. Its decisions shall be made by a majority of the members present and voting.

7. The General Assembly shall meet in regular session once every two years, and in special session when convened by the Governing Council or at the request of a majority of the member States.

Article VI

GOVERNING COUNCIL

1. The membership of the Governing Council shall consist of five qualified physicists elected by the General Assembly, not necessarily from among its members, one representative of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization and one representative of the Centro Brasileiro de Pesquisas Físicas; the two latter members shall not have the right to vote.

2. The five members elected by the General Assembly shall not include more than one national of any member State.

3. The General Assembly shall also elect five alternate members of the Governing Council. These alternate members shall be called on by the Chairman of the Governing Council, in the order in which they were elected, to replace any member of the Council who is absent or incapacitated. Whenever

the first alternate is of the same nationality as one of the attending members of the Governing Council, the Chairman shall call on the second alternate, and so on.

4. The term of office of the members and alternates of the Governing Council shall run from the end of the session at which they are elected to the end of the second subsequent regular session. The terms of two, then of three, members of the Governing Council shall successively expire at each regular session of the General Assembly. At each regular session, the General Assembly shall also fill any vacancies which have arisen among the alternates.

5. The members and alternates of the Governing Council shall be immediately eligible for a second term, but shall not serve consecutively for more than two terms.

6. The Governing Council, acting under the authority of the General Assembly, shall have the following functions :

- (a) To consider and approve the annual reports and programmes prepared by the Director of the Centre and such modification of the programmes as the Director may recommend, and to give its views on the biennial report on the work of the Centre, which is to be submitted to the General Assembly.
- (b) It shall make recommendations to the General Assembly concerning the main features of the programme, and budgetary policy of the Centre.
- (c) It shall supervise the activities and control the finances of the Centre and shall establish its annual budget.
- (d) It shall take decisions on scientific co-operation agreements to be concluded by the Centre.
- (e) It shall elect the Director-General.

7. At each regular session, the Governing Council shall elect from among its members a Chairman and a Vice-Chairman, who shall remain in office until the subsequent election. They shall be eligible for re-election.

8. The Governing Council shall adopt its own rules of procedure. Its decisions shall be made by a majority of the members present and voting. Each member elected by the General Assembly shall have one vote.

9. The Governing Council shall meet in regular session once a year, and in special session when convened by the Chairman or at the request of three of its members.

Article VII

DIRECTOR AND STAFF

1. The Director of the Centre shall be elected by the Governing Council, which shall fix the terms of his appointment.