

No. 8868

**INTERNATIONAL ATOMIC ENERGY AGENCY
and
MEXICO**

**Agreement for assistance by the Agency to Mexico in establishing a sub-critical assembly project (with annex).
Signed at Vienna, on 23 August 1967**

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**AGENCE INTERNATIONALE DE L'ÉNERGIE ATOMIQUE
et
MEXIQUE**

Accord relatif à l'aide de l'Agence au Mexique pour la réalisation d'un projet d'assemblage sous-critique (avec annexe). Signé à Vienne, le 23 août 1967

Texte officiel anglais.

Enregistré par l'Agence internationale de l'énergie atomique le 22 décembre 1967.

No. 8868. AGREEMENT¹ BETWEEN THE INTERNATIONAL ATOMIC ENERGY AGENCY AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED MEXICAN STATES FOR ASSISTANCE BY THE AGENCY TO MEXICO IN ESTABLISHING A SUB-CRITICAL ASSEMBLY PROJECT. SIGNED AT VIENNA, ON 23 AUGUST 1967

WHEREAS the Government of the United Mexican States (hereinafter called "Mexico"), desiring to establish a project for training in the development and practical application of atomic energy for peaceful purposes, has requested the assistance of the International Atomic Energy Agency (hereinafter called the "Agency") in securing the nuclear material necessary for a sub-critical facility;

WHEREAS the Board of Governors of the Agency approved the project on 21 February 1967;

WHEREAS the Agency and the Government of the United States of America (hereinafter called the "United States") on 11 May 1959 concluded an Agreement for Co-operation (hereinafter called the "Co-operation Agreement"),² under which the United States undertook to make available to the Agency pursuant to its Statute³ certain quantities of special fissionable material and to assist the Agency in obtaining source material; and

WHEREAS the Agency, Mexico and the United States Atomic Energy Commission acting on behalf of the United States are this day concluding a contract for the lease of and possible transfer of title to the source material for the sub-critical facility and for the sale therefor of special fissionable material (hereinafter called the "Supply Agreement");⁴

The Agency and Mexico hereby agree as follows :

Article I

DEFINITION OF THE PROJECT

Section 1. The project to which this Agreement relates is the establishment of a Model 9000 Nuclear Chicago sub-critical training facility hereinafter called the

¹ Came into force on 23 August 1967, upon signature, in accordance with article IX.

² United Nations, *Treaty Series*, Vol. 339, p. 359.

³ United Nations, *Treaty Series*, Vol. 276, p. 3, and Vol. 471, p. 34.

⁴ See p. 145 of this volume.

“facility”), to be operated by the “Instituto de Ciencias Autónomo de Zacatecas” at the School of Engineering at Zacatecas, Mexico.

Article II

SUPPLY OF NUCLEAR MATERIAL

Section 2. The Agency hereby allocates to the project described in Article I, and provides to Mexico natural uranium and plutonium (hereinafter called the “supplied material”), pursuant to the terms of the Supply Agreement, which constitutes an integral part of this Agreement to the extent that it creates rights and obligations between the Agency and Mexico.

Article III

SHIPMENT OF THE SUPPLIED MATERIAL

Section 3. Any part of the supplied material, the shipment of which is arranged by Mexico while the material is in its possession, shall be entrusted to a licensed public carrier selected by Mexico or shall be accompanied by a responsible person designated by Mexico.

Article IV

AGENCY SAFEGUARDS

Section 4. Mexico undertakes that the facility and the supplied material shall not be used in such a way as to further any military purpose.

Section 5. Upon its delivery to Mexico, the supplied material shall be exempted from the application of Agency safeguards pursuant to paragraph 21 of the Agency’s Safeguards System (1965).

Article V

HEALTH AND SAFETY MEASURES

Section 6. The health and safety measures specified in the Annex to this Agreement shall be applied to the project.

Article VI

INFORMATION AND RIGHTS TO INVENTIONS AND DISCOVERIES

Section 7. In conformity with paragraph B of Article VIII of the Statute of the Agency, Mexico shall make available to the Agency without charge all scientific information developed as a result of the assistance extended by the Agency.