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and
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AND NORTHERN IRELAND**

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et
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AGREEMENT¹ BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE
UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTH-
ERN IRELAND AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE
REPUBLIC OF FINLAND FOR CO-OPERATION IN THE
PEACEFUL USES OF ATOMIC ENERGY

The Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (hereinafter referred to as “the Government of the United Kingdom”) and the Government of the Republic of Finland (hereinafter referred to as “the Government of Finland”);

Desiring to co-operate in the promotion and development of the peaceful uses of atomic energy;

Desiring to promote collaboration between their respective competent authorities;

Have agreed as follows:

Article I

1. Subject to the provisions of this Agreement, to the availability of material and personnel, to the rights of third persons, and to the applicable laws, regulations and licence requirements in force in the United Kingdom and in Finland, the Contracting Parties shall assist each other in the promotion and development of the peaceful uses of atomic energy in their respective countries.

2. The competent authorities of the Contracting Parties shall collaborate, by such means as may be agreed, in the peaceful uses of atomic energy.

Article II

Pursuant to Article 1 and without excluding other forms of assistance and co-operation which fall within the terms of that Article:

¹ Came into force on 20 February 1969, i.e., thirty days after the date on which the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland had received written notification that the Government of Finland had complied with all constitutional procedures required to that effect, in accordance with article 8.

1. The Authority shall, on request, and on such terms as may be agreed:

- (a) supply or assist the Government of Finland, or persons under their jurisdiction authorised by them, in obtaining on commercial terms from the United Kingdom, for the peaceful uses of atomic energy in Finland, power and research reactors, equipment and materials, and assistance in the design, construction and operation of power and research reactors of types developed in the United Kingdom;
- (b) co-operate with Finnish industry and utilities in building power and research reactors of types developed in the United Kingdom, and in the provision of equipment associated therewith;
- (c) sell to the Government of Finland or to persons under their jurisdiction authorised by them, for delivery over such periods as may be agreed in particular contracts, fuel or source or special fissionable material of such quality and quantity as may be necessary for the efficient and continuing operation of reactors referred to in sub-paragraph (a) or (b) above, or provide enrichment services to the extent necessary for the operation of each such reactor;
- (d) process after use fuel or source or special fissionable material supplied or enriched under sub-paragraph (c) above; and
- (e) assist the Government of Finland, or persons under their jurisdiction authorised by them, to design and construct plant in Finland for the manufacture of fuel;

2. The Government of Finland may, on request and to such extent as may be agreed, authorise, when necessary, Finnish industry and utilities to supply to the Authority, or to persons under the jurisdiction of the Government of the United Kingdom authorised by them, on such terms as may be agreed in particular contracts, equipment and materials for the peaceful uses of atomic energy in the United Kingdom;

3. In addition the Authority may contract with the Government of Finland or persons under their jurisdiction authorised by them, on such terms and to such extent as may be agreed, to sell fuel or source or special fissionable material for the operation of reactors in Finland other than those referred to in sub-paragraph 1 (a) or 1 (b) above, to reprocess fuel from such reactors, and to sell other material and enrichment services for the peaceful uses of atomic energy in Finland.

Article III

1. The competent authorities of the Contracting Parties shall make arrangements between themselves for the exchange of information relevant to the peaceful uses of atomic energy in their respective countries.

2. (a) Information supplied under this Agreement may be freely used in the country of the recipient unless the party transmitting the information requests otherwise in any particular case; if, however, the information relates to inventions which are under the protection of the patent laws of the recipient's country, the use of such information, including its communication to any third party, shall be subject to terms to be agreed in each case.

(b) The exchange of information which is regarded by the party transmitting it as being of commercial value shall be subject to such terms as may be agreed.

3. The competent authorities of the Contracting Parties shall wherever practicable promote contacts between scientists and engineers and assist students and trainees recommended by the other in obtaining training and experience in nuclear science, engineering and other related subjects relevant to the peaceful uses of atomic energy.

Article IV

Each Contracting Party shall ensure that the reactors, major components of reactors, fuel and other material transferred to its jurisdiction under this Agreement, and special fissionable material derived from the use thereof,

(a) shall be used only for peaceful purposes;

(b) shall, within its jurisdiction, be transferred only to persons authorised by it; and

(c) shall not be transferred beyond its jurisdiction without the prior consent of the other Contracting Party.

Article V

1. The Contracting Parties, recognising the importance of making use of the services of the International Atomic Energy Agency, shall as soon as possible enter into joint negotiations with the Agency with the objective of arranging for safeguards designed to ensure the fulfilment of the obligations which arise under sub-paragraph (a) of Article IV to be administered in accordance with agreements to be concluded by them with the Agency.

2. If the Government of Finland, before such time as the provisions of paragraph 1 above have been put into effect, have at their request entered into an agreement in accordance with Article III A 5 of the Statute¹ of the International Atomic Energy Agency whereby the Agency's Safeguards System for the time being in force is applied or is to be applied to Finland's activities in the field of atomic energy, the Government of Finland may, on notifying the Government of the United Kingdom that the above mentioned agreement would apply to all items subject to the undertakings of the Government of Finland in Article IV, require the Government of the United Kingdom to enter into consultations with a view to providing for the suspension of paragraph 1 above. The Government of the United Kingdom undertake, in these circumstances, to make at the appropriate time arrangements consistent with the objective set out in paragraph 1 above to cover the transfer to the United Kingdom of any items subject to their undertakings in Article IV. If such an agreement as is referred to above is entered into by the Government of Finland after the provisions of paragraph 1 above have been put into effect, the present paragraph shall also apply with the necessary modifications.

3. Should at any time safeguards not be administered in accordance with paragraphs 1 or 2 above, each Government shall have the right to administer safeguards to the same end based on the procedures set forth in the Agency's Safeguards System for the time being in force. The two Governments shall consult with and assist each other in the application of these safeguards.

Article VI

1. Contracts made pursuant to this Agreement may contain such guarantees as are agreed in specific cases. Save as may be provided in such contracts:

- (a) the Contracting Parties and their competent authorities undertake to use their best efforts to ensure that any information (including design drawings and specifications) communicated pursuant to this Agreement shall be accurate and complete but do not warrant the accuracy or completeness of such information;
- (b) subject to paragraph 2 below, neither Contracting Party nor its competent authorities accepts any responsibility for the consequences of the use made in the country of the recipient of any information, equipment or material supplied pursuant to this Agreement;

¹ United Nations, *Treaty Series*, Vol. 276, p. 3, and Vol. 471, p. 334.