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**SWEDEN
and
UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS**

**Agreement on the early notification of nuclear accidents and
the exchange of information on nuclear facilities (with
annex). Signed at Stockholm on 13 January 1988**

Authentic texts: Swedish and Russian.

Registered by Sweden on 29 January 1990.

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et
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**Accord sur la notification rapide d'accidents nucléaires et sur
l'échange de renseignements relatifs aux centrales nu-
cléaires (avec annexe). Signé à Stockholm le 13 janvier
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[TRANSLATION — TRADUCTION]

AGREEMENT¹ BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF SWEDEN AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS ON THE EARLY NOTIFICATION OF NUCLEAR ACCIDENTS AND THE EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION ON NUCLEAR FACILITIES

The Government of Sweden and the Government of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics,

Desiring to develop further the relations and cooperation between the two countries,

Recalling the Agreement between the Government of Sweden and the Government of the USSR concerning Cooperation in the Peaceful Uses of Atomic Energy of 12 January 1970,²

Recalling the Convention on Early Notification of a Nuclear Accident of 26 September 1986³ (hereinafter referred to as the “IAEA Convention”),

Convinced of the need for States and the relevant international organizations to adopt common measures to ensure the safest possible use of nuclear energy,

Convinced of the importance of expanding bilateral cooperation in order to limit as far as possible the consequences of possible transboundary releases of radioactive substances,

Desiring to ensure that to this end the two States receive the necessary information as quickly as possible,

Have concluded the following Agreement on the Early Notification of Nuclear Accidents and the Exchange of Information on Nuclear Facilities:

SCOPE OF APPLICATION

Article 1

1. This Agreement, in the part concerned with the notification of nuclear accidents, refers to the facilities and activities which are specified in articles 1 and 3 of the IAEA Convention and to the situations envisaged in article 4 of this Agreement.

2. This Agreement, in the part concerned with the exchange of information, refers to facilities for the peaceful use of atomic energy such as atomic power stations and storage facilities for the fresh and spent nuclear fuel of nuclear power stations.

¹ Came into force on 3 April 1988, i.e., 30 days after the date on which the Contracting Parties had notified each other (on 21 January and 4 March 1988) of the completion of their legal requirements, in accordance with article 11 (1).

² United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 787, p. 273.

³ *Ibid.*, vol. 1439, No. I-24404.

NOTIFICATION OF NUCLEAR ACCIDENTS

Article 2

If, in the territory of the Contracting Parties or in a facility belonging to a physical or juridical person under their jurisdiction or control, an accident occurs of the kind referred to in article 1 of the IAEA Convention which may have consequences for the other Contracting Party with regard to radiological safety, the first Party shall immediately and directly notify the other Party thereof and provide it with all the available information without delay in accordance with article 5 of the IAEA Convention.

Article 3

Each Contracting Party is also prepared to notify the other Contracting Party as rapidly as possible of any cases of nuclear accidents other than those specified in article 2 which in its judgment may lead to a transboundary release of radioactive substances which may have consequences for the other Party with regard to radiological safety.

Article 4

Each Contracting Party shall immediately notify the other Contracting Party if exceptionally high levels of radiation are recorded in its own territory which are not caused by installations or activities in its territory and which may have consequences for the other Party with regard to radiological safety.

EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION ON NUCLEAR FACILITIES

Article 5

1. The Contracting Parties shall exchange information at least once a year concerning the regimes for the operation of their nuclear facilities specified in article 1, paragraph 2, and shall also periodically transmit information about such facilities which may be used both for assessment of the consequences in the country receiving information in the event of an accident at such facilities and for adoption of the necessary measures for the protection of the population and the environment.

2. The Contracting Parties shall, where necessary, hold consultations on questions of the exchange of information referred to in paragraph 1.

3. The obligation to furnish information provided for in paragraph 1 shall apply in Sweden to nuclear facilities located in any part of the territory of Sweden, and in the USSR to nuclear facilities located in the territory of the Estonian Soviet Socialist Republic, the Latvian Soviet Socialist Republic, the Lithuanian Soviet Socialist Republic, the Kaliningrad region of the Russian Soviet Federative Socialist Republic (RSFSR), or in territory located at a distance of less than 300 kilometres from the western State border of the USSR in the Leningrad region of the RSFSR, the Karelian Autonomous Soviet Socialist Republic, and the Murmansk region of the RSFSR.