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**AGREEMENT ON TECHNICAL AND SCIENTIFIC COOPERATION
BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED MEXICAN STATES
AND THE ORGANISATION OF EASTERN CARIBBEAN STATES**

The Government of the United Mexican States and the Organisation of Eastern Caribbean States (OECS), herein after referred to as “the Parties”;

INSPIRED by the long-standing ties of friendship and cooperation between the United Mexican States and the Member States of the OECS, and desiring to strengthen their relations;

CONSIDERING the spirit of collaboration that exists between the United Mexican States and the Caribbean countries and as reaffirmed in the Agreements and Programs on Technical and Scientific Cooperation to which they have subscribed;

AWARE of the challenges faced by Small Island Developing States and their need for assistance in their efforts to realize and sustain economic and social development;

RECOGNIZING the value of South-South Cooperation as an important modality of International Cooperation for Development;

CONVINCED of the need to harness their human and material resources through their combined effort, in order to obtain improvements in the quality of life of their people;

Have agreed to the following:

ARTICLE 1 OBJECTIVE

This Agreement has as its objective, to promote technical and scientific cooperation between both Parties, through the joint elaboration of cooperation programs and projects in priority areas of mutual interest, with a view to achieving the development aspirations of the citizens of the United Mexican States and the Member States of the Organisation of Eastern Caribbean States.

ARTICLE 2 SPECIFIC AGREEMENTS

In order to achieve this Agreement's objective, the Parties will encourage and support participation, according to the type of institutions, scientific entities and societies, public and private civil research and development centers, herein after referred to as Cooperating Entities, according to budget availability and the Parties' applicable legislation and regulation.

The Cooperating Entities will be able to subscribe agreements, programs and specific projects according to their competences, as well as the applicable legislation and regulation.

ARTICLE 3 AREAS OF COOPERATION

The Parties shall jointly cooperate in the following technical areas:

- a) trade and investment;
- b) agriculture and fisheries,
- c) health;

- d) education and sport;
- e) information technology;
- f) tourism;
- g) justice and governance;
- h) public security;
- i) disaster management;
- j) environmental management;
- k) civil aviation and sea ports; and
- l) any other technical area agreed upon by the Parties.

The execution of this Agreement shall not be conditional on the establishment of projects in all the fields and modalities of cooperation referred to in this Article.

The Parties shall not be obliged to collaborate in those activities which have an internal restriction or any other restriction derived from a law, institutional rule or custom.

ARTICLE 4 COOPERATION MODALITIES

For the purposes of this Agreement, the technical and scientific cooperation between the Parties may be developed through the following modalities:

- a) exchange of experts;
- b) exchange of documents and information on technical and scientific research;
- c) training of human resources;
- d) joint scientific and technological development projects;
- e) organization of seminars, conferences, workshops; and
- f) any other modality agreed upon by the Parties.

**ARTICLE 5
FOLLOW-UP MECHANISM**

In order to ensure a proper following-up and coordination of the cooperation activities carried out under this Agreement and to achieve the best conditions for its fulfillment, the Parties shall establish a Mexico-OECS Joint Commission on Technical and Scientific Cooperation.

The Joint Commission shall meet biennially, alternately in the United Mexican States and in Saint Lucia or in another OECS Member State, at the venues and dates agreed upon through diplomatic channels.

The Joint Commission shall monitor the effective execution of this Agreement, shall prepare the biennial activities program, shall evaluate annually the program as a whole and shall submit recommendations to the Parties as it deems appropriate.

On behalf the United Mexican States the executing body responsible for the coordination and follow-up of cooperation activities carried out under this Agreement shall be the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, through the Mexican Agency for International Development Cooperation, and on behalf of the OECS shall be the Secretariat, through the Director General.

**ARTICLE 6
FINANCING**

The international transportation costs for the personnel that participate in the cooperation activities referred in Article 4 shall be covered by the sending Party. The