

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
FOR
TECHNICAL COOPERATION AND EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION IN NUCLEAR
REGULATORY MATTERS
BETWEEN
THE STATE OFFICE FOR NUCLEAR SAFETY
AND
NUCLEAR AND RADIOLOGICAL REGULATORY COMMISSION**

WHEREAS the State Office for Nuclear Safety (SONS) and the Nuclear and Radiological Regulatory Commission (NRRRC), hereinafter referred to as the "Participants", wish to conclude a Memorandum of Understanding for technical cooperation and exchange of information in nuclear regulatory matters;

WHEREAS it is in the mutual interest of both Participants to conclude a Memorandum of Understanding for technical cooperation and exchange of information, contemplating the exchange of the Participants' personnel, training of personnel and assistance in the field of nuclear regulation;

CONSIDERING the significance of using nuclear energy for peaceful purposes for the benefit of people in both countries;

CONSIDERING that both the Czech Republic and the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia are Member States of the International Atomic Energy Agency;

RECOGNIZING the importance of the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons (1970), which both the Czech Republic and the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia are Parties to;

NOTING that in both countries the Participants are responsible for regulation and supervision of activities related to the peaceful uses of nuclear energy;

CONSIDERING both Participants will implement this Memorandum of Understanding in accordance with their national legislation.

The Participants have reached the following understanding:

ARTICLE I

The cooperation and exchange of information under this Memorandum of Understanding covers the following areas:

1. legislation, regulations, licences, regulatory codes, standards, procedures and guides related to safeguards, radiation protection and management of uranium ore mining and processing;
2. development of state system of accounting for and control of nuclear material, in particular through the provision of expertise and training in safeguards implementation (nuclear material accountancy and control system) at a nuclear facility or location outside facilities;

3. licencing of nuclear material handling;
4. import/export control of nuclear items;
5. regulation of management uranium ore mining and processing;
6. domestic inspection approaches in the safeguards related regulatory field;
7. human capacity building programs;
8. radiation protection of radioactive sources;
9. radiation environmental monitoring programs;
10. dosimetry laboratories;
11. preparedness and emergency response;
12. physical protection of nuclear facilities and radioactive sources;
13. any other field agreed upon by the Participants.

ARTICLE II

Cooperation under this Memorandum of Understanding may be implemented in the following forms:

1. exchange of documentation, information, and experiences,
2. expert visits, joint seminars, meetings, training courses and workshops, for the purpose of exchanging information or of training on technical regulatory issues,
3. conducting joint seminars, meetings, training courses and workshops,
4. establishment of joint working groups to carry out specific studies and projects,
5. participation in the events, initiated by the other Participant, as an observer,
6. consultations and advisory services,
7. exchange of experience of regulatory staff and experts, including on-the-job training,
8. other forms agreed upon by the Participants.

ARTICLE III

- (1) Each Participant may freely disseminate any information received from the other Participant under this Memorandum of Understanding without obtaining any other permission of the other Participant, with the exception of information that has been provided in confidence.
- (2) Either Participant may clearly identify, on any information that it may provide to the other Participant under this Memorandum of Understanding, that the information is provided in confidence and may impose restrictions on the use and dissemination of the information.
- (3) Each Participant will respect the confidentiality of any information that it receives from the other Participant that is identified as confidential, and will respect the restrictions on use and dissemination that have been imposed.
- (4) Each Participant using any information that is provided hereby under this Memorandum of Understanding will assume all risks incurred by its use.

- (5) The provision of this Article will remain in force even after the expiration or termination of this Memorandum of Understanding.

ARTICLE IV

The information received and the results of the activities implemented by the two Participants under this Memorandum of Understanding will be used exclusively for peaceful purposes, in accordance with the obligations arising from the ratification on the *Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons (1970)* which both the Czech Republic and the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia are the Parties to;

ARTICLE V

Unless otherwise mutually understood between the Participants, each Participant will be solely responsible for its own participation costs under this Memorandum of Understanding.

ARTICLE VI

- (1) Each Participant will appoint a coordinator to act as a point of contact, implement, and administer this Memorandum of Understanding.
- (2) Each Participant will, forthwith, notify the other Participant of any change of the coordinator and will communicate, at the same time, the name and contact information of the new appointed coordinator.
- (3) Unless otherwise requested by the other Participant, all requests for cooperation, information and exchanges of information provided under this Memorandum of Understanding will be made or provided to the coordinator of the other Participant.

ARTICLE VII

The Participants will take all the necessary measures to protect the intellectual property rights resulting from any activity or project within the framework of this Memorandum of Understanding.

ARTICLE VIII

Any dispute arising between the Participants concerning the interpretation or implementation of this Memorandum of Understanding will be settled amicably through mutual consultation or negotiation between the Participants.

ARTICLE IX

This Memorandum of Understanding does not constitute an international agreement and does not create rights and obligations governed by the international law. The provisions of this Memorandum of Understanding does not prejudice the obligations of the Participants arising from any other bilateral or multilateral international treaty or agreement.

ARTICLE X

1. This Memorandum of Understanding will come into effect upon signature by both Participants.
2. This Memorandum of Understanding will remain in force for the period of five (5) years, and be automatically renewed for a similar period or periods, unless one of the Participants notifies the other in writing - through coordinators - of its desire to terminate or non-renewal, at least six (6) months before the date specified for its termination.
3. This Memorandum of Understanding may be amended by agreement of the Participants – in writing – and the amendment will enter into force in accordance with the procedure referred to in Paragraph (1) of this Article.
4. In the event that this Memorandum of Understanding is terminated or not renewed, its provisions will remain in force with respect to the programs or activities under which it was established, unless the Participants agree otherwise.

Signed in Prague, on the 22nd of February 2024, corresponding to 12/8/1445H, in duplicate in the Arabic, Czech and English languages, all texts being equally authentic. Should any dispute concerning the interpretation of the articles of this memorandum arise, the English text will prevail.

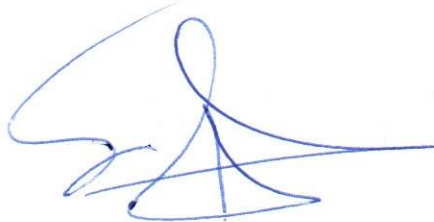
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