

# **1997 AN AGREEMENT BY EXCHANGE OF LETTERS WITH THE ARGENTINE REPUBLIC IN CONNECTION WITH THE TREATY ON THE NON-PROLIFERATION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS AND THE TREATY FOR THE PROHIBITION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS IN LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN**

*Approved in Vienna, Austria on 18 March 1997*

1. The text of the Exchange of Letters is reproduced in this document for the information of all Members. This Exchange of Letters constitutes an agreement confirming that:
  - the Safeguards Agreement of 13 December 1991<sup>1</sup>, concluded between the Republic of Argentina (Argentina), the Federative Republic of Brazil, the Brazilian-Argentine Agency for Accounting and Control of Nuclear Materials and the IAEA (the Quadripartite Agreement) on the basis of the Agreement on the Exclusively Peaceful Utilization of Nuclear Energy (the SCCC), also satisfies the obligation of Argentina under Article 13 of the Treaty for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons in Latin America and the Caribbean (the Tlatelolco Treaty) and under Article in of the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons (NPT).
  - the safeguards set forth in the Quadripartite Agreement shall also apply, as regards Argentina, in connection with the Tlatelolco Treaty and the NPT.
  - the provisions of the Quadripartite Agreement shall apply as long as Argentina is party to either the SCCC Agreement, the Tlatelolco Treaty or the NPT.
2. The agreement reflected in the Exchange of Letters was approved by the Board of Governors on 18 March 1997, and pursuant to its terms, entered into force on that date.

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<sup>1</sup> Reproduced in document INFCIRC/435.

6 November 1995

Sir,

I have the honour to refer to the decision of the Board of Governors of the International Atomic Energy Agency of 15 June 1995, which authorized the Secretariat of the IAEA to confirm, through an exchange of letters with the relevant States of the Latin American and Caribbean region that, inter alia, the Agreement between Argentina, Brazil, the Argentine-Brazilian Agency for Accounting and Control of Nuclear Materials and the IAEA for the application of safeguards (hereinafter called "the Quadripartite Agreement") satisfies the requirement of the States parties under the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons ("the NPT") and under the Treaty for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons in Latin America and the Caribbean ("the Tlatelolco Treaty") to conclude a comprehensive safeguards agreement.

The Government of the Republic of Argentina is party to the Tlatelolco Treaty and to the NPT, and has accepted an obligation, under both treaties, to sign and bring into force a safeguards agreement with the International Atomic Energy Agency. The Government of the Republic of Argentina is also party to the Agreement on the Exclusively Peaceful Utilization of Nuclear Energy ("the SCCC Agreement"), which serves as a basis for the Quadripartite Agreement.

Against that background, I should like to propose the following:

1. Argentina and the IAEA consider that the Quadripartite Agreement satisfies the obligation of Argentina under Article 13 of the Tlatelolco Treaty and Article III of the NPT.
2. Argentina and the IAEA agree that the safeguards set forth in the Quadripartite Agreement shall also apply, as regards Argentina, in connection with the Tlatelolco Treaty and the NPT.
3. The provisions of the Quadripartite Agreement shall apply as long as Argentina is party to either the SCCC Agreement, the Tlatelolco Treaty or the NPT.

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It is the Secretariat's understanding that your Government concurs with the statements in paragraphs 1 to 3 above. In that case, this letter and your affirmative reply shall, subject to approval by the Board of Governors of the IAEA, constitute an agreement which shall enter into force on the date of its approval by the Board of Governors of the IAEA.

Accept, Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration.

HANS BLIX  
(signed)  
Director General

EMBASSY OF THE ARGENTINE REPUBLIC

Vienna

Ref.: OA 7/97

Vienna, 23 January 1997

Sir,

I am writing in response to your letter of 6 November 1995 regarding the decision taken by the IAEA's Board of Governors on 15 June 1995 to authorize the Secretariat to confirm, through an exchange of letters with the relevant States in the Latin American and Caribbean region, that, inter alia, the Agreement between Argentina, Brazil, the Brazilian-Argentine Agency for Accounting and Control of Nuclear Materials and the IAEA for the application of safeguards satisfies the requirement of the States parties under the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons (the NPT) and under the Treaty for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons in Latin America and the Caribbean (the Tlatelolco Treaty) to conclude a comprehensive safeguards agreement.

In that connection, I wish to inform you that the Government of the Argentine Republic is in agreement with what is proposed in paragraphs 1-3 of your letter.

Looking forward to early approval by the Board of Governors, I remain, Sir,

ANDRÉS G. PESCI-BOUREL

(signed)

Ambassador

Resident Representative

DR. HANS BLIX

Director General

International Atomic Energy Agency