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MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE DEPARTMENT OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY--PHILIPPINE NUCLEAR RESEARCH INSTITUTE OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES AND THE FEDERAL ENVIRONMEN...

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The Department of Science and Technology – Nuclear Research Institute (DOST-PNRI) of the Republic of the Philippines and the Federal Environmental, Industrial and Nuclear Supervision Service (the Russian Federation) hereinafter referred to as the "Parties",

Considering that the Republic of the Philippines and the Russian Federation are members of the International Atomic Energy Agency,

Confirming their views on the necessity to improve safety regulation process in the field of the peaceful use of atomic energy,

Have agreed as follows:

Section 1
In compliance with the legislation of the Republic of the Philippines and the Russian Federation, the Parties will accomplish their cooperation in the area of safety regulation in the peaceful use of atomic energy in the following main areas:

- strengthening of regulatory framework in the field of nuclear and

radiation safety and nuclear security;

- improvement of licensing of activities in the field of peaceful uses of atomic energy;

- oversight and control activity including the development and implementation of inspection programs;

- development of safety regulation in management of radioactive waste and spent nuclear fuel, including their transportation and safe storage;

- supervision of accounting and control of nuclear materials, radioactive materials, radioactive waste as well as supervision of physical protection of nuclear installations, radioactive sources, storage facilities, nuclear materials and radioactive materials;

- regulatory requirements on assurance and quality control of important nuclear components that are significant to safety;

- managing safety regulatory body competence;

- emergency preparedness and response;

- integrated management system and safety culture;

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- training of nuclear regulatory body personnel on nuclear safety and core regulatory functions;

- training on power reactor systems;

- and other areas accepted by mutual agreement between the Parties.

This Memorandum of Understanding does not cover nuclear non-proliferation or related matters.

Section 2
1. Cooperation under this Memorandum of Understanding will be implemented in the following forms, subject to further specification and agreement by the Parties in each specific case:

- exchange of experience, information and documentation;

- mutual visits of experts for carrying out joint seminars, meetings and consultations;

- scientific visits, training courses and workshops; implementation of joint projects;

- and other areas mutually accepted by the Parties.

2. Each Party will designate an 'Administrator responsible for the identification of the specific areas of cooperation and for the implementation of activities and joint projects under this Memorandum of Understanding.

3. The exchange of information and documentation will be accomplished through the Administrators unless otherwise agreed beforehand.

4. All communication and information exchange between the Parties under this Memorandum of Understanding will be in English.

Section 3
This Memorandum of Understanding may be amended through the mutual written consent of the Parties.

Section 4
Any difference concerning the use of this Memorandum of Understanding will be settled by consultations between the Parties.

Section 5
1. This Memorandum of Understanding is not an international agreement and creates no rights and obligations under international law. This Memorandum of Understanding is solely intended to promote cooperation between the Parties.

2. This Memorandum of Understanding takes effect upon signature and will remain so for five years.

3. This Memorandum of Understanding will be automatically extended for additional five-year periods unless either Party notifies the other Party in writing of its intention to terminate this Memorandum of Understanding three months before the expiration, of the respective validity period of this Memorandum of Understanding.

Signed in Moscow on <<2>> October 2019 in two copies, in the English and Russian languages. Should any dispute concerning the interpretation of this Memorandum of Understanding arise, the English text will be used.

For the Department of Science and
Technology-Philippine Nuclear
Research Institute of the Republic
of the Philippines

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