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MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES AND THE MINISTRY FOR INNOVATION AND TECHNOLOGY OF HUNGARY ON CO-OPERATION IN THE ...

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The Department of Energy of the Republic of the Philippines and the Ministry for Innovation and Technology of Hungary (hereinafter referred to jointly as the "Participants");

CONSIDERING that the Republic of the Philippines and Hungary are members of the International Atomic Energy Agency (hereinafter referred to as the IAEA), and as such they are guided by the principles of peaceful use of nuclear energy;

GUIDED by the provisions of treaties under IAEA auspices and IAEA related treaties to which both Participants are parties;

CONFIRMING that IAEA safeguards are an essential component of the international security system and that the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons (NPT) is the centrepiece of global efforts to prevent the further spread of nuclear weapons;

NOTING that the peaceful uses of nuclear energy is a key factor in fostering the social, scientific and economic development of the Participants;

REAFFIRMING their desire to place the highest priority on nuclear safety and the protection of human health and the environment in both countries in the course of implementing their nuclear programs;

DRIVEN by the desire to promote and strengthen cooperation in the field of higher education;

CONFIRMING their mutual interest in pursuing cooperation in the area of training and education in the peaceful uses of nuclear energy;

EMPHASIZING that Hungary is a member state of the European Union and as such it is bound by the EURATOM regulations and directives in nuclear field;

Have reached the following understanding:

PARAGRAPH 1
OBJECTIVES AND SCOPE OF COOPERATION

1. The objective of the present Memorandum of Understanding (hereinafter referred to as the "MoU") is to facilitate setting up a long-term cooperation concerning nuclear education between the Participants, thus contributing to the economic development of the Republic of the Philippines through providing high quality nuclear higher education and professional training in Hungary to the most qualified applicants of the Philippines.

2. Participants express their intention to set up training and education programmes covering the following areas:

1.

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assessment of nuclear safety, deterministic and probabilistic safety analysis of nuclear facilities, nuclear security and safeguards;

2.

skills in technology, operations and maintenance of nuclear power plants;

3.

radiation protection, including personal dosimetry (internal and external) and environmental dosimetry;

4.

nuclear technology management;

5.

mining of uranium;

6.

establishing and operation of repositories for radioactive wastes including geological repositories;

7.

assessment and evaluation of uranium reserves;

8.

fuel cycle of nuclear power plants, treatment, handling and management of radioactive waste and spent fuel;

9.

development of training schemes for nuclear power plants and determination of training methodologies;

10.

handling of extraordinary events, in particular emergency planning and response;

11.

design, licensing, implementation, construction and commissioning of nuclear power plants;

12.

research & development of Gen. IV reactors, the operation of research reactors, operational and implementation experiences, the development possibilities of new type reactors;

13.

research and development in the field of nuclear fusion.

3. Participants express their intention to implement training courses in the following forms of education:

1.

specialized courses related to the peaceful uses of nuclear energy organized in Hungary;

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targeted training programmes on specific topics at a university, research laboratory or in an industrial environment, depending on the availability of the university, research laboratory or the industrial infrastructure and personnel.

3.

Training courses will include but not be limited to the following subject areas:

i.

Reactor physics, thermohydraulics, radiation protection, nuclear safety;

ii.

Reactor operations, maintenance and nuclear safety;

iii.

Radioactive waste management practices;

iv.

Emergency preparedness and response;

v.

Specialized, tailor made trainings in construction, operation, maintenance and waste management processes;

vi.

Hands-on laboratory exercises.

4.

Furthermore, the Participants express their intention to encourage:

1.

the development of local industrial capacity through Business-to-Business cooperation between Philippine and Hungarian suppliers of goods and services for construction, operation and maintenance of nuclear power plants; and

2.

the development of exchange programs between Philippine and Hungarian universities for undergraduate, graduate, and PhD students and professors with the involvement of research institutes.

PARAGRAPH 2
IMPLEMENTATION COSTS

Unless otherwise mutually agreed between the Participants, each Participant will be solely responsible for its own participation costs under this MoU, including those incurred by its coordinator in performing his or her responsibilities.

PARAGRAPH 3
ADMINISTRATION OF THE MOU

1.

Each Participant will designate an Administrator responsible for the implementation of this MoU.

2.

The Administrators will be responsible for:

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the exchange of information within the framework of this MoU;

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the identification of specific areas of cooperation;

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the supervision over drafting the executive training and education programme based on this MoU. The training and educational programmes between the Participants are subject to separate agreements by the Participants.

3.

The Participants will inform each other in writing on the assignment of an Administrator within 30 days of the coming into effect of this MoU. The Participants will inform each other on the replacement of an Administrator within 15 days following such a replacement.

PARAGRAPH 4
PROTECTION OF INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS AND CONFIDENTIALITY

For the purposes of the implementation of this MoU, the Participants shall pursue effective protection of intellectual property under the respective national legislation of each Participant. The Participants shall refrain from sharing information obtained in connection with the implementation of this MoU with third parties without the prior written consent of the other Participant.

PARAGRAPH 5
LEGAL STATUS

1.

This MoU does not create legal rights or obligations under international or national law.

2.

Any cooperative activities undertaken by a Participant for the purposes of implementing this MoU shall be carried out in accordance with the relevant laws and regulations applicable to such Participant.

3.

Cooperation under this MoU shall not affect the rights and obligations of the Participants rising from international agreements to which either State is a party to, as well as from the membership of either State to

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international organizations, particularly regional economic integration organizations.

PARAGRAPH 6
SETTLEMENT OF DIFFERENCES

Any dispute that may arise regarding the interpretation or implementation of this MOU shall be resolved amicably by direct consultations between the Participants.

PARAGRAPH 7
AMENDMENTS

This MoU may be amended by mutual written consent of the Participants, specifying the date of coming into effect of the amendment. Any such amendment shall be noted in an addendum duly signed by the Participants and shall constitute an integral part of this MoU.

PARAGRAPH 8
EFFECTIVITY, DURATION AND TERMINATION

1.

This MoU shall come into effect upon signature. This MoU shall remain in effect for a period of two years. It shall be automatically renewed for additional periods of one year unless either Participant notifies the other, six months before the expiration of the term, in writing, through diplomatic channels, of its intention to terminate this MoU.

2.

In case of termination of this MoU, the Participants shall take all reasonable efforts for completing all launched projects mutually agreed upon under this MoU.

Signed in New York on 22 September 2021 in two original copies in the English language.

For the Department of Energy of the
Republic of the Philippines

For the Ministry for Innovation and
Technology of Hungary

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