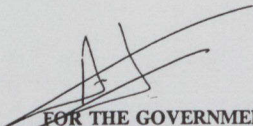


**ARTICLE XII**

1. The present Agreement shall enter into force upon signature by both State Parties.
2. This Agreement may be amended at any time with the written consent of the State Parties. Any amendments to this Agreement shall enter into force in accordance with the provisions of paragraph (1) of this Article.
3. Annexes A, B, C, D and E are part of this Agreement. They may be amended with the written consent of the State Parties.
4. This Agreement shall remain in force for a period of ten (10) years. If neither State Party has notified the other State Party of its intention to terminate the Agreement at least six (6) months prior to the expiry of that period, this Agreement shall continue in force for additional periods of five (5) years each unless, at least six (6) months before the expiration of the then current period, a State Party notifies the other State Party of its intention to terminate this Agreement.
5. Notwithstanding termination of this Agreement, the obligations contained in Article III, paragraph (5) and in Articles IV, V, VI, VII, VIII, IX, X and XI of this Agreement shall remain in force so long as any nuclear material, material, equipment or technology subject to this Agreement remains in the territory of the State Party concerned or under its control anywhere, or until such time as the State Parties agree that such nuclear material, material, equipment or technology are no longer useable for any nuclear activity relevant from the point of view of safeguards.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned, being duly authorized for this purpose by their respective governments, have signed this Agreement.

DONE at *Bratislava*, this *22* day of *October* 1996, in duplicate, in the English, French and Slovak languages, each version being equally authentic.



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