

**AGREEMENT
AMONG
THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA,
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED MEXICAN STATES
AND
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
FOR COOPERATION IN ENERGY SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY**

THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA, THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED MEXICAN STATES, and THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA (the "Parties");

RECOGNIZING the long history of cooperation among their respective government authorities responsible for the energy sector, and desiring to expand that cooperation on a trilateral basis, with a view to joint planning of energy science and technology programs and the equitable allocation of research tasks within joint programs or projects;

CONSIDERING the interest of the leaders of Canada, the United Mexican States, and the United States of America to foster communication and cooperation among the three countries on energy-related matters of common interest and to enhance North American energy interconnections consistent with the goal of sustainable development, for the benefit of all;

NOTING the formation of the trilateral North American Energy Working Group for cooperation in energy science and technology to work on identifying opportunities for cooperation in energy technology fields that are of common interest, and to foster collaboration among laboratories, scientists, universities, institutes, and industry of the Parties' countries; and

BELIEVING that trilateral initiatives in which the Parties cooperate through sharing tasks, facilities, scientific and technical information, costs and human resources can enhance accomplishment of their respective objectives more efficiently and cost-effectively;

HAVE AGREED as follows: