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AGREEMENT ON THE GARP ATLANTIC TROPICAL EXPERIMENT (GATE) BETWEEN THE WORLD METEOROLOGICAL ORGANIZATION THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF SENEGAL AND OTHER MEMBER STATES OF THE WORLD METEOROLOGICAL ORGANIZATION PARTICIPATING IN THE EXPERIMENT⁽¹⁾

WHEREAS the World Meteorological Organization is planning a Scientific Experiment relating to the meteorological and oceanographic processes of the Atlantic Ocean within the framework of the Global Atmospheric Research Programme of the Organization and the International Council of Scientific Unions;

WHEREAS Senegal is centrally situated in relation to the area of the Experiment and has at its disposition the appropriate installations, and therefore it has been recommended that the principal operational centre of the Experiment should be established at Dakar;

WHEREAS the Government of the Republic of Senegal has given its agreement to this recommendation;

NOW THEREFORE the following agreement is concluded as the basis for the co-operation between the World Meteorological Organization, the Government of the Republic of Senegal and the other Member States participating in the Experiment.

Section 1. Name of the Experiment:

The Experiment shall be known as the GARP Atlantic Tropical Experiment (GATE), hereinafter referred to as "the Experiment".

Section 2. Purpose of the Experiment

The purpose of the Experiment shall be to study the structure and evolution of weather systems in the tropical Atlantic, and to assess the extent to which tropical disturbances affect the circulation of the whole atmosphere with a view to improving the accuracy of and extending the range of prediction in both tropical and global weather forecasting.

Section 3. Conduct of the Experiment

The Experiment shall be conducted by national Co-operating Agencies designated by the Member States of the World Meteorological Organization participating in the Experiment, hereinafter referred to as "participating Member States", in co-operation with the World Meteorological Organization, hereinafter referred to as "the Organization".

Member States of the Organization, other than Senegal, participating in the Experiment are hereinafter referred to as "other participating Member States".

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