

**EXCHANGE OF LETTERS CONSITUTING AN  
AGREEMENT<sup>1</sup> BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT  
OF INDIA AND THE GOVERNMENT OF  
ITALY REGARDING PEACEFUL  
USES OF ATOMIC ENERGY  
Bombay, 2 April 1977**

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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
Atomic Energy Commission  
Bombay.  
Chaitra 12, 1899  
April 2nd, 1977

Mr PRESIDENT,

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter of today's date which reads as follows :

“RECOGNISING the need for co-operation between the Indian Atomic Energy Commission (hereinafter referred to as the AEC) and Comitato Nazionale per l'Energia Nucleare (hereinafter referred to as CNEN) of Italy in matters relating to the peaceful uses of nuclear energy, which may be developed by a bilateral co-operation in such fields as the exchange of scientists and scholarships, the acquisitions or exchange of materials, the promotion and exchange of information and/or of the results of research.

AND FURTHER recognising that such co-operation must be in conformity with the internal legislation in force in India and Italy and also with the obligation which may bind AEC and/or the CNEN under any bilateral or international agreement.

WE HAVE agreed to the following :

*Article I*

AEC and the CNEN shall exchange information on research and experiments in the peaceful uses of atomic energy, except for

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1. Came into force on 2 April 1977.

information of a classified nature or information which neither of the Parties is free to exchange because it has been obtained or developed in co-operation with a third party.

#### *Article II*

AEC and the CNEN shall, on the basis of reciprocity, promote visits of scientists and technicians and provide fellowships and scholars for training in fields of mutual interest, for such periods of time as may be mutually agreed upon by the Parties.

#### *Article III*

AEC and the CNEN shall arrange for the lease or sale of materials and equipment required for the implementation of their programmes aimed at the development of nuclear energy for peaceful purposes, in accordance with specific agreements that may be reached between them in the future.

#### *Article IV*

AEC and the CNEN shall co-operate in the development of specific projects of mutual interest in such a manner as may be mutually agreed upon from time to time.

#### *Article V*

The representatives of AEC and the CNEN will meet, whenever necessary, to discuss and co-ordinate projects and exchange views on questions involving co-operation of an industrial nature and on any other problems which may arise in the implementation of this Agreement.

#### *Article VI*

This Agreement shall be valid for a period of five years in the first instance. It may be renewed from time to time for such periods as the Parties may mutually agree. This Agreement may be terminated at any time by either Party by giving a six months advance notice in writing to the other Party of its intention to terminate the Agreement. In the event of the termination of this Agreement, the contracts concluded and the projects undertaken within the framework of this Agreement, shall remain in force for the periods respectively contemplated, unless otherwise agreed upon by the Parties.

This Agreement is concluded in the Hindi, Italian and English

languages, the three texts being equally authoritative, except in the case of doubt when the English text shall prevail.

This Agreement will come into force on the date of receipt of your reply confirming its acceptance by you."

I hereby confirm that the foregoing correctly represents the understanding reached between us, and I agree that your letter together with the present reply shall constitute an Agreement between our two organisations which shall enter into force as from today's date.

Please accept, Mr. President, the assurances of my highest consideration.

*Sd/-*

H.N. SETHNA

Chairman

Atomic Energy Commission

India

Prof. EZIO CLEMENTEL  
President  
Comitato Nazionale per  
l'Energia Nucleare  
Italy

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