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**BASIC AGREEMENT FOR SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL COOPERATION  
BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED MEXICAN STATES AND  
THE GOVERNMENT OF SAINT VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES**

The Government of the United Mexican States and the Government of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, hereinafter referred to individually as "a Party" or collectively as "the Parties";

**ENCOURAGED** by the desire to strengthen existing ties of friendship between both countries through the promotion of the development of scientific and technical cooperation;

**ACKNOWLEDGING** that the establishment of a broad and consistent frame of reference for cooperation will be of mutual benefit;

Have agreed to the following:

**ARTICLE I  
OBJECTIVE**

This Agreement has as its objective the promotion of the development of scientific and technical cooperation through the establishment of programmes in priority areas in accordance with the Parties' respective development policies, through projects of mutual interest.

**ARTICLE II  
SPECIFIC AGREEMENTS**

The Parties shall develop and coordinate the activities of scientific and technical cooperation carried out under the various specific agreements signed between agencies and institutions of both countries to facilitate and support their cooperation.

### **ARTICLE III MODALITIES**

For the purposes of this Agreement scientific and technical cooperation between the Parties may be developed through the following modalities:

- a) exchange of specialists;
- b) exchange of documents and information;
- c) training of human resources;
- d) exchange of material and equipment;
- e) joint scientific and technological development projects;
- f) organization of seminars or conferences; and
- g) any other modality agreed upon.

### **ARTICLE IV MIXED COMMISSION**

1. In order to ensure coordination of the cooperation activities in compliance with this Agreement and to achieve the best conditions for its execution, the Parties shall set up a Mixed Scientific and Technical Commission Mexico–Saint Vincent and the Grenadines.

2. The Mixed Commission shall meet alternately and biennially in Mexico and Saint Vincent and the Grenadines on the dates and in the cities agreed upon through diplomatic channels. Likewise, the Parties may convoke by mutual agreement, extraordinary meetings to study specific projects or topics.

3. The Mixed Commission shall monitor the effective execution of this Agreement, shall prepare the biennial activities programme, shall periodically evaluate the programme as a whole and shall submit recommendations to Parties as it deems appropriate.

**ARTICLE V  
AUTHORITY RESPONSIBLE FOR COOPERATION**

On behalf of the United Mexican States the executive body in charge of coordinating the activities derived from this Agreement shall be the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and on behalf of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines shall be the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Commerce and Trade.

**ARTICLE VI  
SPECIFIC AGREEMENT REPORTS**

The agencies and institutions in both countries responsible for execution of the specific agreements envisaged in Article II of this Agreement shall inform the Mixed Commission of the results of their cooperation activities and shall submit proposals for subsequent development.

**ARTICLE VII  
INTERNAL LEGISLATION**

In accordance with their internal legislation, each Party shall grant the necessary facilities for the temporary entry of the material and equipment to be used in the projects agreed in advance by this Agreement.

**ARTICLE VIII  
PERSONNEL**

1. The personnel assigned by each Party for the execution of this Agreement shall continue to be under the management and dependence of the institution to which they belong therefore avoiding the creation of labour relations with the other Party who in no case shall be considered as a substitute employer.

2. Each Party shall grant all the necessary facilities for the entry, stay and departure of personnel who will officially take part in the cooperation projects derived from this Agreement. Such personnel shall be subject to the immigration, fiscal,

customs, sanitary and security provisions in force in the receiving country and shall not, without the prior authorization of the competent authorities on the subject, carry out any activity other than their specific duties. Such personnel shall leave the receiving country according to the law and provisions of such country.

#### **ARTICLE IX INFORMATION**

Regarding the exchange of information and its dissemination, the Parties shall fulfill the laws and other provisions in force in both States, as well as the respective international commitments, national security interests, and the rights and obligations agreed upon with regard to third Parties. When information is provided by one of the Parties, said Party may stipulate when it so deems appropriate, the restrictions to its dissemination.

#### **ARTICLE X FINANCING**

The Parties may apply for financing and the participation of international organizations in the execution of the programmes and projects agreed upon in this Agreement.

#### **ARTICLE XI SHARED COSTS**

All costs related to the travel of personnel referred to in Article VIII of this Agreement shall be borne by the Party who sends such personnel. The cost of lodging, meals and local transportation necessary for the execution of activities under this Agreement shall be borne by the receiving Party, unless specifically agreed otherwise, or if such costs are the subject of a specific agreement.

#### **ARTICLE XII DISPUTES**

Any difference concerning the interpretation or execution of this Agreement shall be settled by mutual agreement.