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**Preparatory Commission for the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty Organization
and
Panama**

Agreement between the Preparatory Commission for the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty Organization and the Government of the Republic of Panama on the conduct of activities, including post-certification activities, relating to international monitoring facilities for the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty (with appendix). Vienna, 26 November 2003

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et
Panama**

Accord entre la Commission préparatoire de l'Organisation du Traité d'interdiction complète des essais nucléaires et le Gouvernement de la République du Panama sur la conduite des activités relatives aux installations de surveillance internationale, y compris les activités postérieures à la certification (avec appendice). Vienne, 26 novembre 2003

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AGREEMENT
BETWEEN
THE PREPARATORY COMMISSION FOR THE
COMPREHENSIVE NUCLEAR-TEST-BAN TREATY ORGANIZATION
AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF PANAMA
ON THE CONDUCT OF ACTIVITIES,
INCLUDING POST-CERTIFICATION ACTIVITIES,
RELATING TO
INTERNATIONAL MONITORING FACILITIES
FOR THE COMPREHENSIVE NUCLEAR-TEST-BAN TREATY

In accordance with paragraph 12(b) of the Text on the Establishment of a Preparatory Commission for the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty Organization, as annexed to the Resolution establishing the Preparatory Commission for the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty Organization (“the Commission”), adopted by the meeting of States Signatories of the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty (CTBT) on 19 November 1996 at New York, the Commission and the Government of the Republic of Panama (“the Government”), hereinafter “the Parties”, with the goal of facilitating the activities of the Commission in: (a) conducting an inventory of existing monitoring facilities; (b) conducting a site survey; (c) upgrading or establishing monitoring facilities; and/or (d) certifying facilities to International Monitoring System (IMS) standards, and with the goal of facilitating the continued testing, provisional operation, as necessary, and maintenance of the IMS in pursuit of the goal of an effective Treaty, have agreed, pursuant to the provisions of the CTBT, in particular Articles I to IV and Part I of the Protocol, as follows:

Article 1

The Government and the Commission shall cooperate to facilitate the establishment in Panama City of the radionuclide monitoring station (RN50) which will form part of the IMS for the CTBT, in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement. The activities to be carried out by or on behalf of

the Commission in Panama are set forth in the Appendix to this Agreement. Appendices may be added or removed from time to time by mutual agreement of the Parties.

Article 2

The activities to be carried out on behalf of the Commission pursuant to the provisions of this Agreement shall be performed according to the terms of a contract or contracts awarded by the Commission in accordance with the provisions of the Financial Regulations of the Commission. The Commission shall bear the costs relating to the establishment, operation and maintenance of the radionuclide monitoring station (RN50) in Panama and also the costs of transmission of data and analysis of samples to be used by the International Data Centre (IDC) for the purposes of the IMS.

Article 3

Where activities pursuant to the provisions of this Agreement are to be carried out by the Commission, the activities shall be conducted by the Commission Team, which shall consist of the personnel that shall, after consultations with the Government, be designated by the Commission. The Government shall be entitled to refuse particular Commission Team members on the understanding that the Commission will be entitled to propose new members to replace them. For each activity carried out by the Commission, the Commission shall designate a Team Leader and the Government shall designate an Executive Agent to be the points of contact between the Commission and the Government. The Government shall inform the Executive Secretary of the Commission of the name and title of the Executive Agent as soon as possible following his or her designation.

Article 4

No less than 14 days in advance of the proposed arrival of the Commission Team at the point of entry, the Commission Team Leader and the Executive Agent shall consult for the purpose of facilitating the conduct of the activities that will be undertaken, including consultations regarding the equipment to be brought into Panama by the Commission Team for carrying out the activities

undertaken in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement. For post-certification activities, such equipment should be in accordance with the relevant IMS Operational Manuals adopted by the Commission without prejudice to Article II, paragraph 26(h), of the CTBT. In the course of these consultations, the Government shall inform the Commission of the points of entry and exit through which the Commission Team and equipment will enter and exit the territory of Panama.

Article 5

During the consultations noted in Article 4 above, the Government shall inform the Commission of information required for the Government to issue documents to enable the Commission Team to enter and remain on the territory of Panama for the purpose of carrying out activities consistent with the relevant IMS Operational Manuals adopted by the Commission without prejudice to Article II, paragraph 26(h), of the CTBT and with the provisions set forth in the Appendix or Appendices to this Agreement. The Commission shall provide that information to the Government as soon as possible after the conclusion of those consultations. In accordance with the relevant laws and regulations of Panama, the Commission Team shall be entitled to enter the territory of Panama and remain there for the period of time necessary to carry out such activities. The Government shall grant or renew as quickly as possible appropriate visas where required for members of the Commission Team.

Article 6

The activities of the Commission Team pursuant to the provisions of this Agreement shall be arranged in cooperation with the Government so as to ensure, to the greatest degree possible, the timely and effective discharge of its functions, and the least possible inconvenience to Panama and disturbance to any facility or area at which the Commission Team will carry out its activities.

Article 7

The Government shall accord members of the Commission Team present on its territory such protection and amenities as may be necessary to ensure the safety and well-being of each member of the Commission Team. The provisions of the Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the United Nations shall apply, *mutatis mutandis*, to the activities of the Commission, and its officials and experts in implementing the provisions of this Agreement. The officials and experts of the Commission shall at all times observe the laws and regulations of Panama and may not interfere in the internal affairs of the Panamanian State.

Article 8

The Government shall make all reasonable efforts to ensure that local entities cooperate with the activities undertaken by the Commission Team. The Commission shall take all reasonable steps necessary to ensure that the Executive Agent of Panama is kept informed of progress or developments in relation to testing, provisional operation, as necessary, and maintenance activities.

Article 9

The Government and the Commission shall prepare in advance a list of equipment to be brought into Panama by the Commission Team. The Government shall have the right to conduct an inspection of equipment brought into Panama by the Commission Team as specified during the consultations noted in Article 4 above, in order to ensure that such equipment is necessary and appropriate for carrying out the activities to be performed by the Commission Team. The Government shall conduct such an inspection without the presence of the Commission Team Leader, unless the Commission Team Leader decides that his or her presence is necessary. Items of equipment that require special handling or storage for safety purposes shall be so designated by the Commission Team Leader and communicated to the Executive Agent prior to the arrival of the Commission Team at the point of entry. The Government shall ensure that the Commission Team can store its equipment in a securable workspace. In order to prevent undue delays in transporting equipment, the Government shall assist the Commission Team in meeting the internal rules and