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PRACTICAL ARRANGEMENTS

between

THE FUKUI PREFECTURAL GOVERNMENT

and

THE INTERNATIONAL ATOMIC ENERGY AGENCY (IAEA)

on

**COOPERATION IN THE AREA OF
NUCLEAR ENERGY, NUCLEAR SAFETY, AND
NUCLEAR SCIENCES AND APPLICATIONS**

These Practical Arrangements are made between the Fukui Prefectural Government, whose address is 3-17-1 Ohte, Fukui City Fukui Prefecture 910-8580, Japan; and the International Atomic Energy Agency (hereinafter referred to as the “IAEA”), an intergovernmental organization established by its Statute, whose address is Vienna International Centre, P.O. Box 100, 1400 Vienna, Austria. Hereinafter, the IAEA and the Fukui Prefectural Government will also be referred to individually as a “Party” and collectively as the “Parties”.

Recognizing the growing importance of nuclear technology as a means to satisfy the growing demand for electricity, and the use of radiation technology to innovate industry and improve medical care; as well as the urgency with which such growth in demand needs to be matched with the development of human resources that will allow for the maintenance and safe operation of nuclear power plants and radiation facilities;

Acknowledging efforts that the Fukui Prefectural Government, in cooperation with the Government of Japan, is making in overseas capacity building in the field of safe use of nuclear energy and applications, by utilizing its existing nuclear power plants, radiation facilities in the Fukui Prefecture, and human resources that have specialized knowledge and experience;

Acknowledging further the leading role that the IAEA plays in support and development of human resources in a peaceful and safe use of nuclear energy and applications;

Now, therefore, the Parties have reached the following common understanding:

1. Scope of Cooperation

The objective of these Practical Arrangements and the Annex (collectively referred to as the “Practical Arrangements”) is to set forth the framework for cooperation between the Parties in the area of nuclear energy, nuclear safety and nuclear sciences and applications. The Parties have identified the following activities in which cooperation may be pursued, subject to the Parties’ respective mandates, governing regulations, rules, policies and procedures:

- a. Promotion of capacity building for Member States of the IAEA embarking on, or already operating, nuclear power plants with a focus on, but not limited to, the areas of cooperation described in the Practical Arrangements;
- b. Assistance in training, disseminating information, exchanging experiences in the areas of cooperation described in these Practical Arrangements;
- c. Involvement in potential joint publications and materials relevant to human resource development, stakeholder involvement and public communication applied to nuclear energy and nuclear safety and in other topics related to nuclear sciences and applications; and
- d. Other areas of cooperation in nuclear energy, nuclear safety, nuclear sciences and applications as may be mutually agreed upon by the Parties.

2. Points of Contact

The Parties have each designated the following points of contact responsible for the coordination of activities under these Practical Arrangements. All correspondence related to these Practical Arrangements will be through the designated points of contact. Any change to the points of contact will be notified in writing to the other Party in a timely manner.

3. Consultation

The Parties will consult each other, as appropriate, on the development and review of activities to be conducted under the cooperation framework established by these Practical Arrangements. Detailed programmes of such activities will be developed following consultations between the Parties.

4. Non-Binding

These Practical Arrangements are non-binding. Accordingly, nothing in these Practical Arrangements gives rise to legal or financial obligations upon either Party. If the Parties deem that an activity which may give rise to a legal or financial obligation is necessary, the Parties will consult each other on, inter alia, the necessity of separate agreements. It is confirmed that no such activity can be carried out prior to the conclusion of a separate agreement subject to the IAEA Financial Regulations and Rules.

5. Funding

The implementation of the activities specified in Paragraph 1 will be subject to the availability of funds.

6. Use of Names, Emblems and Flags

Documentation relating to activities undertaken under these Practical Arrangements may include the respective names, emblems and flags of the Parties. The names, emblems and flags are and remain the property of the respective Party. Joint use of the names, emblems and flags of the Parties is restricted to activities conducted under these Practical Arrangements and each use will be approved in writing on a case-by-case basis by the owning Party. The Parties will not otherwise use the names, emblems or flags of the other Party without such prior written permission.

7. Dissemination of Information

The Parties will support the widest possible dissemination of unclassified information provided or exchanged under these Practical Arrangements and, as appropriate and if circumstances so require, any subsequent separate agreements, including agreements referred to in Paragraph 4, subject to the need to protect proprietary information. The Parties will ensure the confidentiality of information classified by the other Party as restricted or confidential.

8. Intellectual Property

The Parties will consult each other, as appropriate and if circumstances so require, on issues relating to intellectual property and rights thereto including the necessity of separate agreements referred to in Paragraph 4, while taking into account the IAEA's policy on intellectual property and respecting the IAEA statutory function of, inter alia, fostering the exchange of information among its Member States.

9. Privileges and Immunities

The Parties note that the Government of Japan accepted the Agreement on the Privileges and Immunities of the IAEA on 18 April 1963.

10. Settlement of Disputes

Any disputes arising out of or relating to interpretation or implementation of these Practical Arrangements will be amicably settled among the Parties.

11. Modification

No modifications of, or changes to these Practical Arrangements, or any exception to any of their provisions, will be valid unless mutually confirmed in writing by the Parties. Notwithstanding the foregoing, any change to the respective points of contacts will be notified to the other Party as mentioned in Paragraph 2, without requiring the consent of the other Party.

12. Duration

These Practical Arrangements will remain valid for the period of three (3) years after the signature by both Parties and can be extended by the consent of the Parties expressed in writing.

13. Discontinuation

Notwithstanding paragraph 12 above, any Party may discontinue these Practical Arrangements by giving sixty (60) days' written notice to the other Party. Where notice of discontinuation is given, the Parties will take immediate steps to bring all activities under these Practical Arrangements to a close in a prompt and orderly manner.

For the Fukui Prefectural Government:

For the IAEA:

Mr. Issei Nishikawa, Governor, the Fukui Prefecture

Mr. Yukiya Amano, Director General

(Date and Place)

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ANNEX

This Annex describes possible areas of cooperation and explores the related coordination roles of the Parties.

A. Potential Areas of Cooperation

- Stakeholder involvement, support and outreach to the communities where nuclear power plants are installed, under construction or being considered, as well as to neighbouring communities;
- Environmental sampling techniques and monitoring of radioactive substances on land and in the sea;
- Remote measurement of environmental radiation – terrestrial and aerial;
- Advanced cancer therapy using proton beam accelerators;
- Advanced diagnosis technology using PET-CT;
- Plant Mutation Breeding by using proton beam accelerators; and
- Radiation technologies for cleaner environment, including natural polymers based products.

B. Potential Areas of Cooperation - IAEA Coordination with the Support of the Fukui Prefectural Government

- Cooperation in the organization of international events within the scope of these Practical Arrangements;
- Cooperation in the organization of workshops, technical seminars and training events within the scope of these Practical Arrangements; and
- Cooperation in the development of documents within the scope of these Practical Arrangements.

C. Potential Areas of Cooperation - the Fukui Prefectural Government Coordination with IAEA Support

- Cooperation in the organization of international events within the scope of these Practical Arrangements;
- Cooperation in the organization of workshops, technical seminars and training events within the scope of these Practical Arrangements; and
- Contribution to the review of selected Fukui Prefectural Government reports, guidelines and training materials within the framework of these Practical Arrangements.

D. Potential Areas of Cooperation - Joint Coordination

- Exchange and comparison of data related to nuclear energy, nuclear safety, nuclear sciences and applications practices within the scope of these Practical Arrangements;
- Organization of joint workshops and training seminars within the scope of these Practical Arrangements; and
- Development of joint reports, guidelines and training material within the scope of these Practical Arrangements.