
JOINT DECLARATION
BETWEEN
THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND THE DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY
OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
AND
THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY AND TRADE OF THE CZECH REPUBLIC
CONCERNING INDUSTRIAL AND COMMERCIAL COOPERATION IN THE
NUCLEAR ENERGY SECTOR

The Department of Commerce and the Department of Energy of the United States of America, on the one side, and the Ministry of Industry and Trade of the Czech Republic on the other side, hereinafter together the "Participants,"

ACKNOWLEDGING the need to consider an appropriate mix of environmentally sustainable, safe, and secure sources of energy, including nuclear power, to meet the needs of their respective countries' populations;

RECOGNIZING the need to address challenges of growing energy needs facing both Participants' countries, as well as the broader international community, in a manner that contributes to reducing the harmful effects of greenhouse gases on climate;

OBSERVING that both Participants' countries are parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons of July 1, 1968, and strongly support the safeguards system of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), including the Additional Protocol;

NOTING that both Participants' countries have a long history of partnership with strong economic and commercial ties and prospects of further expanding these ties, especially in the energy sector;

NOTING that both Participants' countries are signatories to the Convention on Supplementary Compensation for Nuclear Damage;

HAVING REGARD to the Agreement for Cooperation in Peaceful Uses of Nuclear Energy between the United States of America and the European Atomic Energy Community of November 7, 1995, and in particular to the scope of cooperation set out in Article I of that Agreement; and

RECOGNIZING both countries' role in the development of nuclear power,

HAVE REACHED THE FOLLOWING UNDERSTANDING:

The Participants intend to cooperate, subject to their respective countries' national laws, regulations and international obligations, to:

-- encourage nuclear industry entities to seek opportunities to participate in the construction of nuclear power plants, the provision of related supporting infrastructures and services, and the provision of maintenance supplies and services for their respective countries' existing nuclear fleets;

-- foster the importance of scientific research and development to make nuclear solutions to future energy supply challenges safe, effective, economical and friendly for the environment;

-- advance the principle that contractual awards for the construction of nuclear power plants, and the provision of related parts and services for either new or existing nuclear power plants, should be based on the commercial and technical merits of proposals and industrial partnerships;


-- foster the development of reliable manufacturing supply chains to support the construction of new nuclear power plants and the provision of related supporting infrastructures and services;

-- encourage discussion on a global nuclear liability treaty regime;

-- promote international arrangements that would help facilitate access to reliable nuclear fuel supply and services for future civilian reactors; and

-- encourage the development of civilian nuclear energy infrastructure, including training and human resource development, as well as appropriate application of civilian nuclear energy and related energy technology, in accordance with evolving IAEA guidance and standards on infrastructure development.

Signed at Washington, in duplicate, on December 6th, 2010.



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