

## Information Circular

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# Agreement to further extend the Co-operation Agreement for the Promotion of Nuclear Science and Technology in Latin America and the Caribbean (ARCAL)

### **Second Extension**

- 1. The text of the Agreement to further Extend the Co-operation Agreement for the Promotion of Nuclear Science and Technology in Latin America and the Caribbean (Second Extension Agreement), which was adopted on 8 November 2019, is reproduced herein for the information of all Members.
- 2. Pursuant to Article 2 thereof, the Second Extension Agreement entered into force on 5 September 2020.
- 3. Pursuant to Article 1 of the Second Extension Agreement, the Co-operation Agreement for the Promotion of Nuclear Science and Technology in Latin America and the Caribbean (ARCAL) shall remain in force for a further period of five years with effect from 5 September 2020, i.e. through 4 September 2025.

# Agreement to further extend the Co-operation Agreement for the Promotion of Nuclear Science and Technology in Latin America and the Caribbean

#### THE STATES PARTIES TO THIS AGREEMENT

CONSIDERING that Argentina, Belize, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Jamaica, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, the Dominican Republic and Uruguay are Members of the International Atomic Energy Agency (hereinafter referred to as "the IAEA") and Parties to the Cooperation Agreement for the Promotion of Nuclear Science and Technology in Latin America and the Caribbean which entered into force on 5 September 2005, (hereinafter referred to as "ARCAL"), as extended;

CONSIDERING that, in accordance with Article XI thereof, ARCAL was concluded for an initial period of ten years following its entry into force but may be extended by periods of five years if the States Parties so agree;

CONSIDERING that an Agreement to extend ARCAL for a period of five years entered into force on 5 September 2015 and that, consequently, ARCAL is due to expire on 4 September 2020 unless the States Parties agree on a further extension;

CONSIDERING that the aforementioned States Parties to ARCAL, represented by the Board of ARCAL Representatives, wish to extend ARCAL for a further period of five years, in view of its usefulness in establishing a regional framework for promoting and strengthening technical cooperation by the IAEA in Latin America and the Caribbean;

AGREE AS FOLLOWS:

#### Article 1 Extension of ARCAL

ARCAL shall remain in force for a further period of five years with effect from 5 September 2020.

# Article 2 Notifications and Entry into Force

The present Agreement shall enter into force on 5 September 2020 for those States Parties to ARCAL who have notified the Director General of the IAEA prior to this date of their consent to extend ARCAL. For each State Party to ARCAL that provides notification after this date, this Agreement shall enter into force on the date of such notification.

DONE at Vienna, on 8 November 2019, in two copies, in Spanish and English, the texts in both languages being equally authentic.