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**TEXT OF THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE  
INTERNATIONAL ATOMIC ENERGY AGENCY AND  
THE UNITED NATIONS EDUCATIONAL, SCIENTIFIC AND  
CULTURAL ORGANIZATION CONCERNING THE JOINT OPERATION OF  
THE INTERNATIONAL CENTRE FOR THEORETICAL PHYSICS AT TRIESTE**

1. The text<sup>1/</sup> of the Agreement between the International Atomic Energy Agency and the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization concerning the Joint Operation of the International Centre for Theoretical Physics at Trieste is reproduced in this document for the information of all Members. The Agreement was approved by the Agency's Board of Governors on 25 February 1993 and by the UNESCO General Conference on 16 November 1993.
2. The Agreement entered into force, pursuant to Article IV, on 1 January 1996.

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<sup>1/</sup> The footnotes to the text have been added in the present information circular.

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PHYSICS AT TRIESTE

WHEREAS an Agreement for co-operation between the International Atomic Energy Agency (hereinafter called the "Agency") and the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (hereinafter called "UNESCO")<sup>2/</sup> has been in force since 1 October 1958;

WHEREAS both organizations are concerned with the development of the physical sciences in their Member States and particularly in the developing countries;

WHEREAS both organizations have expressed their willingness to continue to operate the International Centre for Theoretical Physics at Trieste (hereinafter called the "Centre") jointly;

BEARING in mind the recent "Agreement Between the International Atomic Energy Agency, the United Nations Educational Scientific and Cultural Organization and the Government of the Republic of Italy Concerning the International Centre for Theoretical Physics at Trieste";<sup>3/</sup>

NOW, THEREFORE, the Agency and UNESCO have agreed as follows:

ARTICLE I

Principles of collaboration

1. The Centre's scientific activities will constitute a joint programme carried out by both organizations in accordance with the terms of this Agreement. They agree to maintain the purpose and functions of the Centre as set forth in paragraphs 2 and 3 of this Article.
2. The purpose of the Centre is to foster, through training and research progress in physics, particularly theoretical physics, in accordance with the Constitution of UNESCO and the Statute of the Agency. In so doing, it pays special attention to the needs of developing countries.

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<sup>2/</sup> Reproduced in document INFCIRC/20.

<sup>3/</sup> Reproduced in document INFCIRC/498.

3. The Centre has the following functions:

- (a) To train young scientists for research, especially from developing countries;
- (b) To help in fostering the growth of advanced studies of progress in physics, particularly theoretical physics, especially in developing countries;
- (c) To conduct original research; and
- (d) To provide an international forum for personal contacts between scientists from countries at all stages of development.

4. The administration of the Centre shall be carried out by UNESCO on behalf of both organizations, in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement. Relations with the Government of the Republic of Italy in respect of all matters relating to the Centre shall be the joint responsibility of both organizations and shall be carried out by arrangement between them.

## ARTICLE II

### Staff of the Centre

Without prejudice to the relevant provisions concerning the appointment of the Director, decisions in respect of all professional posts regarding appointments, duration and the nature of contracts, promotion and termination shall be taken by agreement between UNESCO and the Agency except in regard of such short-term posts as may be agreed upon. The two organizations will be guided in these matters by the rules which may be enacted within the United Nations system regarding inter-organization posts.

## ARTICLE III

### Details of collaboration

1. Regular consultations shall take place between UNESCO and the Agency through their authorized representatives on all aspects of the Centre's activities.

2. Associate members of the Centre will be appointed and affiliated and federated institutes of the Centre will be selected by the Directors General of both organizations.

3. The Centre's publications and other documents will show in suitable form that the Centre is operated by UNESCO and the Agency as a joint programme.

ARTICLE IV

Entry into force, amendment

1. This Agreement shall be signed by the Director General of UNESCO and the Director General of the Agency and be approved by the competent organs of UNESCO and the Agency. It shall enter into force at the same time as the tripartite agreement between UNESCO, the Agency and the Government of the Republic of Italy.

2. The UNESCO and the Agency shall, at the request of either of them, consult about amending this Agreement.

FOR THE INTERNATIONAL ATOMIC  
ENERGY AGENCY:

(signed) Hans Blix  
Vienna, 15 March 1993

For the UNITED NATIONS EDUCATIONAL,  
SCIENTIFIC AND CULTURAL  
ORGANIZATION:

(signed) Frederico Mayor  
Paris, 19 March 1993