

# Information Circular

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## Cooperation Agreement for the Promotion of Nuclear Science and Technology in Latin America and the Caribbean (ARCAL)

### Extension of Agreement

1. The text of the Agreement to Extend the Cooperation Agreement for the Promotion of Nuclear Science and Technology in Latin America and the Caribbean (Extension Agreement), which was adopted on 5 June 2015, is reproduced herein for the information of all Members.
2. Pursuant to Article 2 thereof, the Extension Agreement entered into force on 5 September 2015.
3. Pursuant to Article 1 of the Extension Agreement, the Cooperation Agreement for the Promotion of Nuclear Science and Technology in Latin America and the Caribbean (ARCAL) “shall remain in force for a period of five years with effect from 5 September 2015”, i.e. through 4 September 2020.
4. The latest status list of the Extension Agreement is available under:

[http://www.iaea.org/Publications/Documents/Conventions/arc\\_al\\_status.pdf](http://www.iaea.org/Publications/Documents/Conventions/arc_al_status.pdf)

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

CONSIDERING that the Governments of Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Haiti, 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 Co-operation Agreement for the Promotion of Nuclear Science and Technology in Latin America and the Caribbean (hereinafter referred to as “ARCAL”), which entered into force on 5 September 2005;

CONSIDERING that, in accordance with Article XI, ARCAL shall remain in force for ten years following the date of its entry into force and, consequently, shall expire on 4 September 2015, but may be extended by periods of five years if the States Parties so agree;

CONSIDERING that the aforementioned States Parties, represented by the Board of ARCAL Representatives, wish to extend ARCAL with effect from its expiration date for a new period of five years, taking into account 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 period of five years with effect from 5 September 2015.

**Article 2**  
**Notifications and Entry into Force**

The present Agreement shall enter into force on 5 September 2015 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 in Vienna, on June 5<sup>th</sup> 2015, in two copies, in Spanish and English, the texts in both languages being equally authentic.