Euratom/USA agreement for peaceful nuclear cooperation

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OBJECTIVE: to conclude an agreement for peaceful nuclear cooperation between EURATOM and the USA. CONTENT: the agreement seeks to establish cooperation between EURATOM and the United States in the field of nuclear energy with reference to the following points: . research and development; . nuclear safety; . exchanges and cooperation between persons and companies in the industrial and commercial sectors; . the reciprocal supply of nuclear or other materials and equipment and all services connected with the nuclear fuel cycle; . exchanges of information on the main problems posed by nuclear energy at international level; . controlled thermonuclear fusion etc. The agreement also provides for exchange of nuclear materials in the interests of their parties' respective industries and, where appropriate, between third countries and either of the two parties, subject to authorization and export and import licences. This cooperation is for peaceful purposes only and a protocol attached to the agreement details the peaceful objectives of the agreement: supplying electricity to a military base from an electricity grid or production of radio-isotopes for medical uses in a military hospital. In all events, nuclear or other materials transferred under this agreement and the fissile materials in question may not be used either to manufacture an explosive nuclear device or for research work into nuclear devices for military use. In addition, the annexes to the agreement include a declaration concerning non-proliferation policy in which the parties reaffirm their support for all measures to secure the non-proliferation of nuclear materials at worldwide level. The agreement will be valid for a period of thirty years from its entry into force and will be automatically renewed every five years unless terminated by one of the parties. Once the current agreement enters into force, the 1958 agreement between EURATOM and the USA will lapse, as will other bilateral agreements concluded between the USA and certain Member States.