

STATEMENT OF INTENT BY  
THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND ENERGY OF COSTA RICA AND  
THE DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
FOR COOPERATION IN THE FIELD OF ELECTRIC TRANSPORT

WHEREAS, the Government of Costa Rica and the Government of the United States of America recognize that the 1994 Summit of the Americas and the Hemispheric Summit on Sustainable Development call for cooperation on environmental and energy issues;

WHEREAS, the Ministry of Environment and Energy (MINAE) of Costa Rica and the Department of Energy (DOE) of the United States of America (collectively "the Participants"), recognize that enhancing environmental protection, in particular minimizing the emissions from internal combustion engines in urban areas, would be mutually beneficial, and that the development and deployment of electric vehicles can contribute to those ends;

WHEREAS, MINAE recognizes that DOE has significant experience and expertise in the field of electric vehicles ("EVs") and ultra-low-emission vehicles ("ULEVs");

WHEREAS, the Government of Costa Rica through the National Power and Light Company (CNFL) is developing a pilot demonstration program ("the Program"), commencing on or about May 1, 1997, for EVs or ULEVs, electric motorscooters, and electric battery-powered or ultra-low-emission buses;

WHEREAS, the Participants desire to continue their collaboration in the Program;

WHEREAS, the Participants believe that the success of the Program will contribute to the replication of such programs in other countries;

The Participants hereby declare their intentions as follows:

I. Forms of cooperation

- A. Upon the request of either MINAE or the special Commission responsible for developing the Program currently based at CNFL, DOE will:
- assist in the development of a strategy to obtain financial resources for the Program;
  - assist in the design, review, and evaluation of the Program;
  - help the Government of Costa Rica develop a network of contacts and support for the Program;
  - provide advice and guidance to the Costa Rican working group investigating EVs and ULEVs.
- B. Upon request by DOE, MINAE and CNFL will provide DOE with data, reports, and information about the results of the Program.
- C. DOE and MINAE will work together to disseminate information about the Program, and to advance the understanding in other countries of the benefits of EVs and ULEVs. This will include a co-sponsored electric transportation forum to be held in San José, Costa Rica.

II. General Provisions

- A. Cooperation under this Statement of Intent will be in accordance with the applicable laws and regulations under which each participant operates.
- B. Any assistance that may be furnished by DOE will be subject to the availability of appropriated funds.

III. Commencement, Extension, Amendment and Termination

- A. Cooperation under this Statement of Intent will commence upon signature hereto by the participants and will continue for a period of five (5) years. The Statement of Intent may be extended for successive periods upon mutual written agreement of the participants.
- B. This Statement at Intent may be amended at any time upon mutual written agreement of the Participants. It may be terminated at any time by mutual agreement or by either Participant upon 90 days written notice to the other participant.

Done at San José, Costa Rica, on this ninth day of May, 1997.



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AND ENERGY OF COSTA RICA:

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