

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

ON COOPERATION IN ENVIRONMENTAL ASPECTS OF ENERGY POLICY  
AND THE PROTECTION OF GLOBAL CLIMATE

BETWEEN

THE DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

AND

THE FEDERAL MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, YOUTH AND FAMILY AFFAIRS  
OF THE REPUBLIC OF AUSTRIA

The Department of Energy of the United States of America and the Federal Ministry of Environment, Youth and Family Affairs of the Republic of Austria (hereinafter "the Parties")

- Affirming the traditionally friendly and mutually-beneficial relations and cooperation between their respective countries;
- Desiring to undertake efforts and endeavours in promoting the development of environmentally sound energy strategies based on sustainable patterns of energy use;
- Desiring to strengthen collaboration between the two countries in combating climate change; and
- Desiring to exchange nonproprietary information, ideas, skills and techniques in the above-mentioned areas of concern,

Have reached the following understanding to guide their cooperation.

ARTICLE I

The cooperation contemplated under this Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) may include:

- \* Exchange of information and discussions on existing national policies in the following areas:
  - sufficient growth of energy supplies;
  - energy efficiency and conservation measures; and
  - protection of the biosphere;
- \* Cooperation in the organization of workshops and seminars on subjects of mutual interest;
- \* Exchange of experts and scientists to study problems in the field of energy policy;
- \* Exchange of relevant nonproprietary data and information;
- and
- \* Cooperation in relevant international fora.

ARTICLE II

Within the framework of Article I, the Parties may particularly focus their cooperation on the following areas:

- \* Implementation of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, including the exchange of expertise on National Climate Change Action Plans and development and implementation of agreements under the Convention;

- \* Options in the field of new and renewable energy technologies and in the field of energy efficiency, encompassing both supply-side and demand-side technologies;
- \* Tools for energy-efficient management in industry, and demand-side-management practices of utilities; and
- \* Political instruments to enhance the utilization of new and renewable energy technologies and to foster overall energy efficiency, with a focus on regulation/deregulation in the energy market.

Each Party will work to involve other relevant government institutions and interests of its country to improve the work and cooperation carried out under this MOU.

#### ARTICLE III

Each Party will endeavor to facilitate, through cooperation with the appropriate competent authorities, the granting of visas and other forms of official permission for entry to and exit from its territory of personnel of the other country engaged in cooperative activities under this MOU.

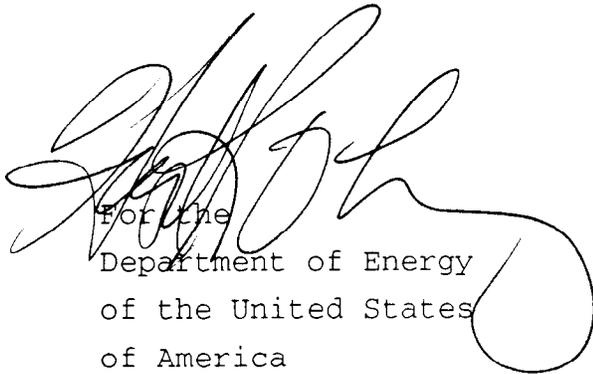
#### ARTICLE IV

Cooperation under this MOU will be subject to all applicable laws and regulations of the two countries, and to the availability of personnel and appropriated funds. Each party will be responsible for the costs of its own activities under this MOU.

ARTICLE V

This MOU may be modified by mutual agreement of the Parties or terminated by either Party. The termination of this MOU will not affect the completion of activities underway.

Signed in duplicate at Vienna, Austria this 18<sup>th</sup> day of September, 1994.



For the  
Department of Energy  
of the United States  
of America



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