

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING  
BETWEEN  
THE DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
AND  
THE NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND REFORM COMMISSION  
OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA  
ON BILATERAL ENERGY POLICY DIALOGUE**

Whereas, the Department of Energy of the United States of America and the National Development and Reform Commission of the People's Republic of China (hereinafter referred to as the "Participating Agencies"), have on-going exchanges of views and expertise under the Peaceful Uses of Nuclear Technologies Agreement, and the Oil and Gas Industry Forum;

Whereas, bilateral collaboration has been carried out in High Energy Physics, Nuclear Physics, Fossil Energy, Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, and Energy Information; and

Whereas, the United States and the People's Republic of China recognize that they face similar energy challenges, and that energy policy decisions by one country can have implications for the other in the context of the global energy market;

The Participating Agencies have reached the following understanding:

**ARTICLE I**

The Participating Agencies intend to form an Energy Policy Working Group (hereinafter referred to as the "Working Group") to conduct energy policy dialogues between the United States and the People's Republic of China. The purpose of the Working Group is to enhance the understanding of energy issues, to promote the exchange of information on energy policies and technologies, and to review and develop cooperative activities on energy-related topics of mutual interest.

**ARTICLE II**

The objectives of the Working Group include dialogues on:  
A) Facilitating exchange of information on energy security;

- B) Discussing energy policies and strategies, such as regulatory development and reform;
- C) Exchanging views on energy efficiency, conservation and related environmental policies of both countries;
- D) Exchanging views on energy technology deployment options and collaborative technology activities, including cooperation on carbon sequestration, hydrogen economy, renewable energy, nuclear, oil and gas, and clean coal; and
- E) Other topics as mutually agreed.

### **ARTICLE III**

For the purposes of promoting closer contacts and mutually beneficial dialogues, the arrangements for the Working Group's meetings should be as follows:

- A) Participants in the dialogues may include representatives from other entities of the United States of America and the People's Republic of China as the Participating Agencies deem appropriate for the agenda for the dialogues; and
- B) Each Participating Agency should appoint an administrative secretary who should make preparations for the dialogues and communicate with the Participating Agencies between dialogues.

### **ARTICLE IV**

The Working Group should be guided by the following procedures:

- A) Dialogues should be held on a regular basis, alternately in the United States of America and in the People's Republic of China;
- B) Special meetings of the Working Group may be held as determined by the Participating Agencies;
- C) The time of dialogues and other meetings should be determined at least one month in advance following consultations between the Participating Agencies;
- D) The agendas for all meetings should be determined by the Participating Agencies; and
- E) It is intended that the participants from both sides will be responsible for their own travel and lodging expenses. The Participating Agency hosting the meeting should be responsible and pay the costs for arrangements

associated with the meeting, including local transportation.

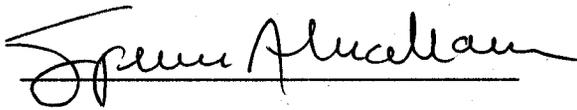
**ARTICLE V**

The Participating Agencies should conduct dialogues in accordance with applicable laws and regulations of their respective countries and subject to the availability of funds and other resources.

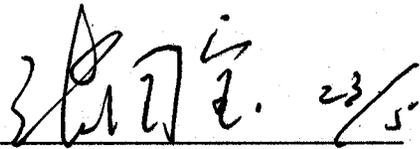
**ARTICLE VI**

Cooperation under this Memorandum of Understanding (Memorandum) may commence upon signature. Revisions to this Memorandum may be suggested in writing by the Participating Agencies at any time. If one Participating Agency wishes to terminate its participation in this Memorandum, it should provide 90 days' advance notice in writing to the other Participating Agency.

Signed at AMSTERDAM, this 23rd day of MAY, 2004, in duplicate, in the English and Chinese languages.



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