

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING  
BETWEEN  
THE DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY  
OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
AND  
THE MINISTRY OF MINES, INDUSTRY AND ENERGY  
OF THE REPUBLIC OF EQUATORIAL GUINEA  
FOR  
COOPERATION ON ENERGY POLICY, SCIENCE AND  
TECHNOLOGY, AND ENERGY TECHNOLOGY  
DEMONSTRATION**

The Department of Energy of the United States of America and the Ministry of Mines, Industry and Energy of the Republic of Equatorial Guinea, hereinafter referred to as the "Participants":

Having an interest in establishing cooperation in the areas of energy policy, science and technology, and energy technology demonstration;

Having a mutual interest in exchanging experience and views on opportunities for the utilization of energy technologies and in fostering collaboration between the two countries in these areas, particularly through training, educational and capacity building activities;

Recognizing that energy security and the quality of life can be enhanced through effective and environmentally sound utilization of energy sources; and

Further recognizing that cooperation in the areas of energy policy, science, technology, and energy technology demonstration would promote increased economic interaction, facilitate energy technology transfer, accelerate the commercialization of energy systems and products, and expand opportunities for international trade between the United States and Equatorial Guinea;

Have reached the following understandings:

**ARTICLE I**

Under this Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), the Participants will facilitate joint activities relating to energy policy, science and technology, and energy technology demonstration in areas of mutual interest, including, but not limited to, the following:

1. Fossil energy, including clean power generation and natural gas;

2. Energy sector regulation, including assistance with policy analysis, formulation, and implementation, and privatization and restructuring;
3. Power project development; and
4. Such other areas as may be mutually determined by the Participants.

## **ARTICLE II**

The forms of cooperation in the areas specified in Article I of this MOU may include the following:

1. Exchange of energy experts, specialists and scientists to participate in cooperative activities;
2. Organizing and participating in seminars, workshops and conferences on specific mutually agreed topics;
3. Exchange of information on the development and utilization of energy technologies that are economically and environmentally acceptable;
4. Sharing relevant nonproprietary information and practical experience in energy fields;
5. Assisting in capacity development through training, joint government-industry activities, faculty and student exchanges and tours, and exploration of ways to promote transfer of skills and technology to support human resources development, policy development, and institutional infrastructure; and
6. Such other forms of cooperation within the scope of this MOU as the Participants may mutually agree.

## **ARTICLE III**

- A. The Participants intend to establish the United States-Equatorial Guinea Consultative Group to promote energy policy consultations, energy technology demonstration, and energy training and education with a focus on capacity building in Equatorial Guinea.
- B. The Consultative Group is to consist of officials designated by the Participants. The Participants, as mutually agreed, may include additional representatives as the Participants deem appropriate based on the agenda of their consultations.
- C. Each Participant will appoint an official contact to prepare for the consultations and energy training and to be responsible for communication between the Participants.

- D. In view of the significant distance between the two countries, electronic and telephonic communications will be the preferred modes of interaction.
- E. Meetings of the Consultative Group or the selected representatives of the Participants may be held upon mutual agreement.

**ARTICLE IV**

Each Participant intends to facilitate, through coordination 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 V**

- A. Each Participant is to conduct the activities provided for under this MOU in accordance with the applicable laws and regulations of its respective country. Each Participant is responsible for the costs of its own activities under this MOU, unless the Participants otherwise agree in writing.
- B. It is understood that this MOU does not create any legally binding obligations between the Participants.

FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY  
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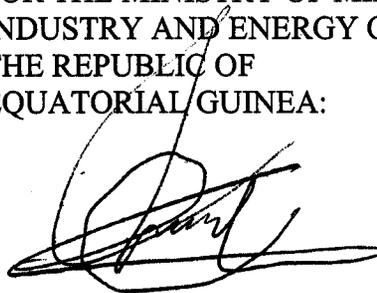
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