

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**  
**between the Nuclear Weapon Free Zone in Central Asia and the**  
**Agency for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons in Latin America**  
**and the Caribbean**

The Nuclear-Weapon-Free Zone in Central Asia (CANWFZ), established in accordance with Treaty on a Nuclear-Weapon-Free Zone in Central Asia, signed on the 8th of September 2006 in Semipalatinsk, the Republic of Kazakhstan and the Agency for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons in Latin America and the Caribbean (OPANAL), established in accordance with the Article 7 of the Treaty for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons in Latin America and the Caribbean (Treaty of Tlatelolco), signed on the 14th of February 1967 in Tlatelolco, Mexico City, Mexico, hereinafter referred to as the “Parties”,

**MINDFUL** of the need to ensure the total absence of nuclear weapons in their respective zones and strengthening global nuclear disarmament and non-proliferation; and consolidating international efforts towards peace and security;

**RECALLING** that militarily denuclearized zones are not an end in themselves but rather a means for achieving general and complete disarmament, as defined by the United Nations General Assembly resolutions, at a later stage;

**CONVINCED** that general and complete disarmament, as defined by the United Nations General Assembly resolutions, under effective international control is a vital matter which all the peoples of the world equally demand;

**REITERATING** the inalienable right of all States to carry out research, production and use of nuclear energy for peaceful purposes without discrimination;

**REAFFIRMING** their commitment to strengthen the coordination efforts among the existing nuclear-weapon-free zones; and desiring to promote cooperation in all aspects;

**REAFFIRMING** their support for the objectives and provisions of the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons and their desire to promote universal adherence to that Treaty;

**REAFFIRMING** their support for the International Atomic Energy Agency safeguards system and their desire to work together to ensure its continued effectiveness within the respective Nuclear-Weapon-Free Zones;

**Have reached the following understanding:**

### **I. Cooperation and consultation**

1. The Parties will endeavor to coordinate their efforts and pursue shared interests on issues relating to their goals, purposes and principles, through the United Nations and other relevant institutions and international fora, including for the creation of new Nuclear-Weapon-Free Zones.

2. The Parties will make joint efforts to call on all nuclear-weapon states to ensure compliance with the status of nuclear-free zones in Central Asia and Latin America and the Caribbean.

3. The Parties will act in close cooperation and hold consultations on the matters of common interest. To this end, they will consider the appropriate framework of such consultations as and when necessary.

4. The Parties will cooperate in order to achieve an effective utilization of existing experience whenever this may be appropriate in light of their respective responsibilities.

5. The Parties may invite each other to events, meetings, conferences and trainings held by them in accordance with the rules of procedure, as applicable. Any expenses related with the participation will be covered by each Party on its own, unless otherwise agreed between the Parties.

### **II. Exchange of information and documentation**

1. The Parties express their willingness to exchange information, publications and documents relating to matters of common interest, subject to any limitations, which either Party considers to be necessary for the safeguarding of information which, in its judgment has a confidential character, and subject to any obligations which it may have to third parties.

2. The Parties may, at the request of either Party, arrange for consultations regarding the provision by either Party of such special information as may be of interest to the other Party.



3. If necessary, the Parties will, in accordance with their respective forms of organization, designate focal points with a view to interact on matters of common interest and will inform each other immediately upon change of focal points.

4. The Parties will consult regularly, or at any time at the request of either Party, in the framework of application of this Memorandum in order to review the matters of common interest.

### **III. Application of the Memorandum**

1. The Parties may request from each other scientific, technical and research cooperation in the matters of common interest, subject to the policies of confidentiality of the Parties.

2. If any cooperation would involve the assistance from one Party to the other under the terms of this Memorandum and compliance with such request would involve substantial expenditure for the Party complying with the request, consultation may take place with a view to determining in most equitable manner of meeting such expenditure.

3. The Chairman of the Treaty on the CANWFZ and the Secretary-General of the OPANAL may enter into such administrative arrangements for the implementation of this Memorandum as may be found desirable in the light of the operating experience of the Parties.

4. The Parties aim to maintain a close working relationship in accordance with such arrangements as may have been agreed upon from time to time.

### **IV. Legal Status**

The present Memorandum is not an international treaty and does not create any rights and obligations governed by international law. The present Memorandum will not affect the rights and obligations of the Parties stemming from other agreements.

### **V. Supplementary arrangements**

The Parties may, within the competence of their mandates, enter into such supplementary arrangements for the purpose of cooperation and coordination, as may be found desirable.

## **VI. Application, revision and termination**

1. This Memorandum may be amended by mutual consent of the Parties expressed in writing.

2. The Memorandum will be applied from the date of its signature by duly authorized representatives of the Parties.

3. Either of the Parties may terminate application of the present Memorandum by giving written notice through diplomatic channels to the other Party. The termination takes place after the expiration of six months period from the date of receiving such notice.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned, being duly authorized, have signed this Memorandum.

Signed in Ashgabat and Mexico city, on December 5, 2024 in two originals in English language.

**For the Nuclear Weapon Free  
Zone in Central Asia**



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