

JOINT DECLARATION

BETWEEN

THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

AND

THE MINISTER OF ECONOMY OF THE REPUBLIC OF POLAND

CONCERNING INDUSTRIAL AND COMMERCIAL COOPERATION IN THE NUCLEAR ENERGY SECTOR

The United States Department of Commerce and the United States Department of Energy, on the one side, and the Minister of Economy of the Republic of Poland, on the other side, hereinafter together the “Participants,”

ACKNOWLEDGING the need to consider an appropriate mix of environmentally sustainable, safe, and secure sources of energy, including nuclear power, to meet the needs of their respective countries’ populations;

RECOGNIZING the need to address challenges of growing energy needs facing the Participants’ countries, as well as the broader international community, in a manner that contributes to reducing the harmful effects of greenhouse gases on climate;

OBSERVING that both the United States of America and the Republic of Poland are parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons of July 1, 1968, and strongly support the safeguards system of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), including the Additional Protocol;

NOTING that the Participants’ countries are partners to the International Framework for Nuclear Energy Cooperation (IFNEC);

HAVING REGARD to the Agreement for Cooperation in the Peaceful Uses of Nuclear Energy between the United States of America and the European Atomic Energy Community of November 7, 1995, and in particular to the scope of cooperation set out in Article 1 of that Agreement; and

RECOGNIZING both countries’ role in the development of nuclear power,

HAVE REACHED THE FOLLOWING UNDERSTANDING:

The Participants intend to cooperate, subject to their respective countries' national laws, regulations and international commitments to:

-- encourage nuclear industry entities to seek opportunities to participate in the construction of nuclear power plants, and the provision of related supporting infrastructures and services;

-- foster the importance of scientific research and development works to make nuclear solutions safe, effective, economical and friendly for the environment;

-- promote fair, open, and transparent tender procedures and award processes in the nuclear energy sector in their respective countries;

-- advance the principle that contractual awards for the construction of nuclear power plants, and the provision of related parts and services, should be based on the commercial and technical merits of the different proposals and industrial partnerships;

-- foster the development of reliable manufacturing supply chains to support the construction of new nuclear power plants and the provision of related supporting infrastructures and services;

-- encourage discussions on a global nuclear liability treaty regime;

-- promote international arrangements that would help future civilian reactors deployed in the Republic of Poland obtain access to reliable nuclear fuel supply and services; and

-- encourage the development of civilian nuclear energy infrastructure, including training and human resource development, as well as appropriate application of civilian nuclear energy and related energy technology, in accordance with evolving IAEA guidance and standards on infrastructure development.

Signed in duplicate in the English and Polish languages.

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ECONOMY OF THE REPUBLIC OF
POLAND:

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