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# Communication of 24 August 2016 received from the Resident Representatives of Argentina and Brazil to the Agency on the occasion of the 25th anniversary of the Brazilian–Argentine Agency for Accounting and Control of Nuclear Materials (ABACC)

1. The Director General has received a communication dated 24 August 2016 from the Resident Representative of Argentina and the Resident Representative of Brazil to the Agency, containing a joint communiqué by the President of the Argentine Republic, and the Vice President of the Federative Republic of Brazil and Acting President of the Republic, on the occasion of the 25th anniversary of the Brazilian–Argentine Agency for Accounting and Control of Nuclear Materials (ABACC).

2. As requested, the joint communiqué is herewith circulated for the information of Member States.

**Joint communiqué on the occasion of the celebration of the 25th anniversary of the Brazilian–Argentine Agency for Accounting and Control of Nuclear Materials (ABACC) – 18 July 2016**

Mr Mauricio Macri, President of the Argentine Republic, and Mr Michel Temer, Vice President of the Federative Republic of Brazil and Acting President of the Republic,

1. Reaffirming the inalienable right of States to nuclear technology for peaceful purposes and the strategic character of dialogue, coordination and consolidated trust between Argentina and Brazil in the nuclear field, welcome the 25th anniversary of the Brazilian–Argentine Agency for Accounting and Control of Nuclear Materials (ABACC);
2. Stress that the conclusion of the 1991 Guadalajara Agreement, under which ABACC was established, had been instrumental in overcoming mutual mistrust and lack of knowledge and in laying the foundations for transparent and cooperative relations;
3. Reaffirm that ABACC is an innovative nuclear material accountancy and control mechanism, whose efficiency is reflected in its close collaboration with the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), which facilitated the conduct, in the last 25 years, of more than 2500 inspections in both countries;
4. Acknowledge the importance of the Quadripartite Agreement, signed on 13 December 1991 by Argentina, Brazil, ABACC and the IAEA, which, by regulating cooperation on the joint application of nuclear safeguards, constitutes a key factor in the operation of the system and has contributed to nuclear non-proliferation in the region;
5. Reaffirm the commitment to build the Brazilian Multipurpose Reactor and the Argentine RA-10 Reactor under joint strategic projects which are indicative of mutual trust in the nuclear sphere and which, when implemented, will assure supplies to the regional market of the molybdenum-99 radioisotope that is crucial in nuclear medicine to the diagnosis and treatment of diseases;
6. Express their determination to strengthen and enhance political and technical dialogue in the nuclear sphere, through existing bilateral bodies, in particular the Standing Joint Nuclear Policy Committee (CPPN) and the Binational Nuclear Energy Commission (COBEN);
7. Highlight the strategic character of bilateral cooperation on nuclear matters for the development of the peaceful uses of nuclear energy, which is key to the achievement of technological autonomy in both countries;
8. Reaffirm the commitment of Argentina and Brazil to nuclear disarmament and non-proliferation and urge the nuclear-weapon States to eliminate their arsenals completely, transparently, verifiably and irreversibly.

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