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# Cooperation Agreement for the Promotion of Nuclear Science and Technology in Latin America and the Caribbean (ARCAL)

## **Entry into force**

*Report by the Director General*

1. The Cooperation Agreement for the Promotion of Nuclear Science and Technology in Latin America and the Caribbean (ARCAL) was adopted and opened for signature on 25 September 1998. Pursuant to its Article XI, the Agreement shall enter into force after deposit of the instrument of ratification by ten Member States. On 5 September 2005, the tenth Member State deposited an instrument of ratification of the Agreement whereby the requirements for its entry into force have been met.
2. The latest status list of the Cooperation Agreement for the Promotion of Nuclear Science and Technology in Latin America and the Caribbean (ARCAL) and the declarations/reservations thereto are attached.



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Notes: The Agreement, pursuant to Article XI, came into force after deposit of the instrument of ratification by ten Member States, i.e. on 5 September 2005. It shall remain in force for ten years, and may be extended by periods of five years if the Member States so agree.

Contracting States: **10**  
Signatories: **19**

Last change of status: **05 September 2005**

Country/Organization	Signature	Instrument	Date of deposit	Declaration etc./Withdrawal	Entry into force
Argentina	04 Dec 1998	Ratification	01 Apr 2004	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	05 Sep 2005
Bolivia	25 Sep 1998			<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
Brazil	04 Aug 1999			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
Chile	25 Sep 1998			<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
Colombia	11 Dec 1998			<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
Costa Rica	25 Sep 1998	ratification	15 Oct 2001	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	05 Sep 2005
Cuba	25 Sep 1998	ratification	04 Sep 2002	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	05 Sep 2005
Dominican Republic	19 Sep 2003			<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
Ecuador	25 Sep 1998	ratification	24 Oct 2001	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	05 Sep 2005
El Salvador	19 Jan 2001	ratification	03 Dec 2001	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	05 Sep 2005
Guatemala	25 Sep 1998			<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
Haiti	10 Jul 2002	ratification	05 Sep 2005	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	05 Sep 2005
Jamaica				<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
Mexico	11 May 1999	ratification	07 Aug 2000	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	05 Sep 2005
Nicaragua	30 May 2001			<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
Panama	15 Jun 2001	ratification	22 Mar 2002	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	05 Sep 2005
Paraguay	25 Sep 1998			<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
Peru	20 Oct 1998	ratification	28 Mar 2001	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	05 Sep 2005
Uruguay	25 Sep 1998			<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
Venezuela	29 Oct 1998	ratification	02 May 2002	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	05 Sep 2005

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and Technology in Latin America and the Caribbean (ARCAL)**

**Declarations/reservations made upon signature**

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**Brazil**

**04 Aug 1999**

(Reservation in original language English on 4 August 1999)

The provisional application of an international agreement is not admissible under the Brazilian constitution. Brazil, therefore, cannot undertake an international obligation to comply with clauses which are contrary to its internal law.

With respect to Article XIII of this legal instrument, which provides for the possibility of provisional application of the Agreement, the Government of Brazil expresses the reservation that the Legal System of Brazil does not allow for an International Agreement to enter into force provisionally.

**Costa Rica**

**25 Sep 1998**

(Reservation in original language Spanish on 25 September 1998)

Under the constitutional provisions which are in force in our country, the provisional application of an international agreement is not admissible within our legal system; therefore, as Costa Rica is a State based on the rule of law, it cannot undertake an international obligation to comply with clauses which are clearly contrary to its internal law.

With respect to the transitional arrangements of this legal instrument, which provide for the possibility of provisional application of the agreement for a maximum period of five years, the delegation of Costa Rica expresses the reservation that the legal and constitutional system of Costa Rica does not allow for an international agreement to enter into force provisionally.