

**AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE PEACE CORPS OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
AND THE NATIONAL COUNCIL ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
OF THE UNITED MEXICAN STATES**

The Peace Corps of the United States of America and the National Council on Science and Technology (CONACYT) of the United Mexican States, hereinafter "the Parties";

RECOGNIZING the importance of developing and promoting cooperation between the two countries;

CONSIDERING the mutual interest in implementing collaborative programs and projects in the area of science and technology;

REAFFIRMING the interest of the Parties in promoting mutual understanding between the two countries through trained volunteers; and

TAKING INTO CONSIDERATION the Agreement for Scientific and Technical Cooperation between the United States of America and the United Mexican States, done by exchange of notes in Washington, D.C., dated the 15th of June 1972, as well as the Letter of Intention between the Peace Corps of the United States of America and the National Council on Science and Technology of the United Mexican States, signed in the city of San Francisco, California, the 10th of June 2003;

Have agreed to the following:

**ARTICLE I
OBJECTIVE**

The purpose of this Agreement is to establish a Program of the Peace Corps in Mexico (the Program), in the area of scientific and technical cooperation that responds to the needs of both Parties.

**ARTICLE II
AREAS OF COOPERATION**

To achieve the purpose of this Agreement, the Parties shall work together in the following areas of mutual interest:

- a) information technology;
- b) volunteerism in science and technology;
- c) sustainable development; and
- d) any other area agreed to by the Parties.

**ARTICLE III
METHODS OF COOPERATION**

The cooperative activities referred to in Article II shall be developed by the Parties in the following manner:

1. The Peace Corps shall furnish trained volunteers to perform Specific Cooperation Projects, as requested by CONACYT and approved by the Peace Corps. The assignment of Volunteers shall be subject to prior authorization by CONACYT;
2. The Peace Corps shall train the volunteers for the effective development of the designated tasks; and
3. The Peace Corps shall send a Representative and personnel to support the program, with prior consultation with CONACYT. These personnel will be under the direct supervision of the Peace Corps.

**ARTICLE IV
SPECIFIC COOPERATION PROJECTS**

The Parties agree to jointly formulate Specific Cooperation Projects, which are to set forth the nature and terms of the cooperative activities undertaken pursuant to this Agreement, according to the following principles:

1. The Parties shall define each Project through written communications;

2. The Parties shall authorize the terms of the Specific Cooperation Projects, which will have the support of groups or specialists as considered necessary; and
3. The Parties shall develop periodic reports on the progress of each Project which will include the results achieved, in order to give a recommendation to continue, terminate or expand the Project.

ARTICLE V COSTS OF OPERATIONS

The costs of implementing the Program will be subject to the availability of resources, funds and personnel of each of the Parties.

ARTICLE VI SUPERVISION MECHANISM

The Parties have designated as the appropriate representatives, for CONACYT, the Director of International Cooperation, and for the Peace Corps, the Regional Director for the Inter-American and Pacific Region or his/her designee, who will supervise the implementation of this Agreement.

ARTICLE VII VOLUNTEERS AND PERSONNEL

The Volunteers assigned by the Peace Corps to carry out the Program referred to in this Agreement shall work under the supervision of CONACYT, but shall have no employment relationship with CONACYT. CONACYT shall request the execution of a Letter of Agreement between CONACYT and the assigned Volunteers regarding their activities. The participation of the Volunteers in Specific Cooperation Projects shall be subject to compliance with such Letter of Agreement.

Subject to Mexican laws and regulations, CONACYT shall attempt to make the necessary arrangements with the competent authorities for the entry, residence, and departure of Peace Corps volunteers and personnel who officially carry out the Program under this Agreement, as well as members of their families.

The Volunteers, Peace Corps personnel, and their families shall be subject to the immigration, tax, customs, sanitary and national security laws and regulations in force in the receiving country and may not take part in any activity other than that allowed to carry out their functions, without the previous authorization of the competent authorities.

The Parties acknowledge that, other than as provided in this Agreement, Peace Corps volunteers and personnel and members of their families are subject to Mexican law in the same manner as other U.S. nationals in Mexico.

CONACYT shall attempt to inform, consult, and cooperate with representatives of the Peace Corps of the United States with respect to all matters concerning Volunteers.

CONACYT shall not be responsible for the payment of medical or related costs of any Peace Corps volunteer, personnel, or family member while they are serving in Mexico. The Peace Corps assumes responsibility for the costs of necessary medical care for Peace Corps volunteers and personnel and members of their families while they are serving in Mexico.

**ARTICLE VIII
PARTICIPATION OF OTHER INSTITUTIONS**

The Parties may, by mutual agreement, invite other institutions to participate in the Program referred to in this Agreement, where those institutions participate directly in the areas of cooperation that are mentioned.

**ARTICLE IX
ESTABLISHMENT OF A PEACE CORPS OFFICE**

To provide adequate supervision and coordination of the cooperative activities of this Agreement, the Peace Corps intends to place a representative and personnel in Mexico and further intends to establish and maintain an office in Mexico, which shall be responsible for implementing the Program agreed to by the Parties.

The Parties shall seek from their respective governments the necessary authorization for the establishment of such Office.

**ARTICLE X
INTERPRETATION AND CONTROVERSIES**

Any difference arising from the interpretation or application of this Agreement or the Program designed to carry it out shall be resolved through mutual agreement of the Parties.

**ARTICLE XI
FINAL PROVISIONS**

This Agreement shall enter into force on the date of its signature and continue indefinitely.

This Agreement may be modified by mutual consent of the Parties, formalized through written communications, specifying the date of entry into force.

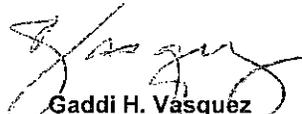
Either of the Parties may, at any time, terminate this Agreement, by written notification to the other Party at least six months in advance.

The termination of this Agreement and the end of the Peace Corps Program in Mexico shall not affect the completion of any cooperative activities already undertaken pursuant to the Agreement.

Signed at Washington, D.C., on the 12th day of November of the year two thousand and three, in two original copies, in the English and Spanish languages, both texts being equally authentic.

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