

**THIRD AGREEMENT TO EXTEND THE 1987 REGIONAL CO-OPERATIVE
AGREEMENT FOR RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT AND TRAINING
RELATED TO
NUCLEAR SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY**

WHEREAS the Government of Australia, Bangladesh, the People's Republic of China, India, Indonesia, Japan, the Republic of Korea, Malaysia, Mongolia, Myanmar, New Zealand, Pakistan, the Philippines, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Thailand and VietNam (hereinafter referred to as "the Governments Parties") are parties to the Regional Co-operative Agreement for Research, Development and Training Related to Nuclear Science and Technology, 1987 (hereinafter referred to as the "1987 Regional Co-operative Agreement") which entered into force on 12 June 1987, was extended on 12 June 1992, and then on 12 June 1997, and is to remain in force for a period of five years from that date;

WHEREAS the 1987 Regional Co-operative Agreement, extended on 12 June 1992 and then on 12 June 1997, is due to expire on 11 June 2002;

WHEREAS the Governments Parties desire to extend the 1987 Regional Co-operative Agreement with effect from the date of its expiry for a further five-year period in view of its usefulness in providing a regional framework for initiating co-operative projects and co-ordinated research programming between interested Member States;

NOW, THEREFORE, it is agreed as follows:

ARTICLE 1

Extension of the 1987 Regional Co-operative Agreement

The 1987 Regional Co-operative Agreement shall continue in force for a further period of five years with effect from 12 June 2002. Unless otherwise agreed, all arrangements made in implementation of the 1987 Regional Co-operative Agreement shall also continue in force during the extended period.

ARTICLE 2

Entry into force

1. Any Government Party to the 1987 Regional Co-operative Agreement and any Government of any Member State of the International Atomic Energy Agency (hereinafter referred to as the "Agency") referred to in Article XII of the 1987 Regional Co-operative Agreement may become a Party to this Extension Agreement by notifying its acceptance thereof to the Director General of the Agency.

2. This Extension Agreement shall enter into force on the date of receipt by the Director

General of the Agency of the second notification of acceptance. With respect to a Government accepting the Agreement thereafter, it shall enter into force on the date of receipt by the Director General of the Agency of the notification of such acceptance.

DONE in Vienna, on the.....day of, in the English language.

The first RCA Agreement was signed in 1972 for a period of 5 years, this was extended twice in 1977 and in 1982 for 5 year period each time. The Agreement was revised in 1987 and extended in 1992 and 1997. The current RCA Agreement will end on June 2002.

The DRAFT TEXT of Extension of RCA Agreement was sent to all RCA National Representatives, for information, on 26 February 2001.

An official letter, incorporating the suggested language from Japan for the extension was sent on 11 June 2001 to all 17 MS.

An official letter asking MSs to agree on the final wording of the extension was sent to all MSs on 26 November 2001.

RCA Member States	STATUS	Remarks on the RCA Agreement sent on 26 Feb 2001	In agreement with the drafted text by JPN sent on 11 June 2001	In agreement to the Extension for a period of 5 years Letter sent 26 Nov. 2001
1. Australia				
2. Bangladesh				15 March 2002
3. China				05 March 2002
4. India	agreed		13 August 2001	02 January 2002
5. Indonesia				13 February 2002
6. Japan	agreed	on 9 May 2001, JPN proposed an amended text of the RCA Agreement	agreed on 19 July 2001	
7. Korea, Rep of	agreed		10 August 2001	09 January 2002
8. Malaysia				20 March 2002
9. Mongolia				
10. Myanmar				
11. New Zealand				
12. Pakistan	agreed		26 June 2001	06 February 2002
13. Philippines	agreed	17 April 2001	14 August 2001	
14. Singapore				
15. Sri Lanka	agreed	26 August 2001	30 August 2001	24 April 2002
16. Thailand				
17. Viet Nam	agreed		9 August 2001	

