FOURTH AGREEMENT TO EXTEND THE 1987 REGIONAL COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT FOR RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT AND TRAINING RELATED TO NUCLEAR SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

WHEREAS the Governments 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 Viet Nam (hereinafter referred to as "the Governments Parties") are parties to the Regional Cooperative Agreement for Research, Development and Training Related to Nuclear Science and Technology, 1987 (hereinafter referred to as the "1987 Regional Cooperative Agreement") which entered into force on 12 June 1987, was extended on 12 June 1992, then on 12 June 1997, and then on 12 June 2002, and is to remain in force for a period of five years from that date;

WHEREAS the 1987 Regional Cooperative Agreement, extended on 12 June 1992 then on 12 June 1997 and then on 12 June 2002, is due to expire on 11 June 2007;

WHEREAS the Governments Parties desire to extend the 1987 Regional Cooperative 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 cooperative projects and coordinated research programming between interested Member States;

NOW, THEREFORE, it is agreed as follows:

ARTICLE 1

Extension of the 1987 Regional Cooperative Agreement

The 1987 Regional Cooperative Agreement shall continue in force for a further period of five years with effect from 12 June 2007. Unless otherwise agreed, all arrangements made in implementation of the 1987 Regional Cooperative Agreement shall also continue in force during the extended period.

ARTICLE 2

Entry into force

1. Any Government Party to the 1987 Regional Cooperative 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 Cooperative 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 22nd day of June 2006, in the English language.

On behalf of the Director General of the International Atomic Energy Agency, I, J. Rautenbach, Director, Office of Legal Affairs, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the text of the FOURTH AGREEMENT TO EXTEND THE 1987 REGIONAL COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT FOR RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT AND TRAINING RELATED TO NUCLEAR SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, adopted by the Parties to the 1987 Regional Co-operative Agreement for Research, Development and Training Related to Nuclear Science and Technology.

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Director, Office of Legal Affairs

Vienna, 9 August 2006