

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING  
BETWEEN  
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF POLAND  
AND  
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
CONCERNING STRATEGIC CIVIL NUCLEAR COOPERATION

The Government of the Republic of Poland and the Government of the United States of America (hereinafter the “Participants”),

ACKNOWLEDGING the strengthening strategic relationship the Participants have enjoyed since Poland joined NATO in 1999 and the European Union in 2004, and the long-standing cooperation between the Participants in the fields of security, energy, and commerce;

ACKNOWLEDGING ongoing collaboration in the field of peaceful nuclear energy in which the Participants have engaged bilaterally or multilaterally through the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), the European Atomic Energy Community, and most recently the Nuclear Energy Agency;

RECALLING the “U.S.–Poland Strategic Dialogue on Energy” announced by the presidents of the two nations through a joint statement in September 2018, and established in recognition of the tremendous potential for energy cooperation, including nuclear energy, between the United States and Poland;

RECALLING that the Participants are parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons, done at London, Moscow, and Washington on July 1, 1968 (NPT) and that each of the Participants has in force with the IAEA a Safeguards Agreement and an Additional Protocol consistent with their respective obligations under the NPT;

OBSERVING the Participants’ jointly held view that all civil nuclear cooperation must occur in accordance with the highest modern standards of nuclear safety, security, safeguards, and nonproliferation;

RECOGNIZING the role that nuclear energy can play in addressing the Participants’ growing clean energy needs; and

NOTING the Participants' desire to enhance existing relationships among government and private-sector officials of the two countries for the purpose of increasing nuclear cooperation activities;

HAVE REACHED THE FOLLOWING UNDERSTANDINGS:

Subject to their respective national laws and regulations and to the availability of appropriated funds, the Participants express their:

- (1) desire for a deeper bilateral strategic relationship that would enhance their respective security, political, and economic conditions;
- (2) shared view that civil nuclear cooperation is an important component of their bilateral strategic relationship and can serve as a catalyst for additional cooperation on other national security and energy issues;
- (3) shared recognition that U.S.-Poland civil nuclear cooperation can play a vital role in promoting the security of Poland's energy supply and meeting its clean energy needs, while providing substantial ancillary benefits to the energy security of the United States and our European allies;
- (4) mutual intention to work to increase civil nuclear cooperative activities in order to strengthen their strategic, political, and commercial relationship;
- (5) intention to enhance relationships among their government experts, regulators, nuclear industries, national laboratories, and scientific, academic, and research and development communities in order to identify how to best tailor future cooperation to meet their specific future needs;
- (6) desire to work collaboratively to further develop Poland's infrastructure for the responsible use of nuclear energy and technologies and to adopt best practices in nuclear safety, security, safeguards, and nonproliferation, including independent regulatory oversight;

- (7) recognition of the importance of both nuclear suppliers and recipients adopting the highest export control standards, as transfers with lesser standards undermine trust in the peaceful uses of nuclear energy and have negative international security and nonproliferation implications;
- (8) shared view that countries engaging in peaceful uses of nuclear energy are expected to have safeguards in force that enable credible assurance of the absence of undeclared nuclear material and activities;
- (9) shared recognition that the NPT and the broader nuclear nonproliferation regime facilitate the fullest possible cooperation on peaceful uses of nuclear energy;
- (10) intention to enhance cooperation under this Memorandum of Understanding and other collaborative arrangements and associated efforts between departments and agencies of the Participants, for the purpose of deepening bilateral strategic ties and the civil nuclear relationship;
- (11) intention to support deeper relationships among their respective nuclear industries for the purpose of advancing civil nuclear cooperation;
- (12) willingness to explore cooperation across the breadth of existing and future U.S. reactor technologies, fuel, equipment, and services;
- (13) desire to identify a pathway to Poland's development of a civil nuclear program, including addressing commercial challenges such as financing, workforce development, public acceptance, localization, and nuclear liability; and
- (14) desire to undertake other forms of civil nuclear cooperation that may be mutually determined by the Participants.

This Memorandum of Understanding does not create rights or obligations under domestic or international law.

This Memorandum of Understanding may be modified by mutual consent of the Participants expressed in writing.

This Memorandum of Understanding becomes effective upon signature. Either Participant may discontinue this Memorandum of Understanding at any time by giving written notice to the other Participant, and is expected to do so at least six months in advance of the effective date of discontinuation.

Signed at Washington, D.C., the 12th day of June, 2019, in duplicate, in the English language.

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