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“The 1991 creation of the Brazilian-Argentine Agency for the Accounting and Control of Nuclear Materials (ABACC) has placed observance of the two most advanced nuclear countries in Latin America largely outside of OPANAL’s jurisdiction. While Argentina and Brazil have been full members of Tlatelolco since 1994, ABACC’s relationship with OPANAL is more of a formality than one of close collaboration. Being the only bilateral inspection agency in the world, the ABACC model has sparked interest into its applicability for other regions of the world, but might be re-defining nonproliferation efforts in Latin America as well.” (p. 50-51).

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