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ABACC: STRUCTURE & ACTIVITIES

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ABACC 30 YEARS – FORMAL MEETING OF THE CONFERENCE OF DISARMAMENT

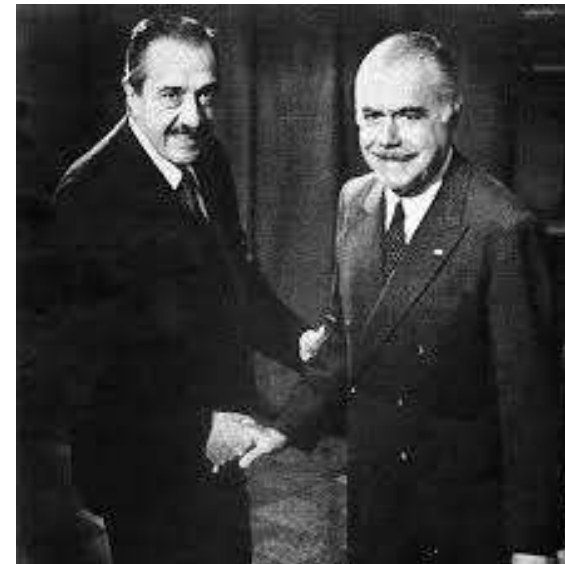
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Nuclear Background in 70's & 80's

- Domestic nuclear programs not under international safeguards
- Developments on uranium enrichment in Argentina (1983) and Brazil (1987)
- Both countries considered in a nuclear race

Bilateral Initiatives (1980-1991)

- 1979: Diplomatic resolution of controversies on utilization of hydric resources of Plata Basin
- 1980: Agreement between Brazil and Argentina on the peaceful uses of nuclear energy
- 1985: Formation of the Permanent Committee on Nuclear Policy
- 1983: Election of President Raúl Alfonsín in Argentina
- 1985: Election of President José Sarney in Brazil



Confidence Building Process (1985-1991)

- Technical visits to nuclear facilities not under international safeguards (1987 – 1990)
- Formation of Working Groups on several nuclear sectors
- Many bilateral declarations at Head of State level on using nuclear energy exclusively for peaceful purposes:
 - **Iguazu Falls (1985), Brasília (1986), Viedma (1987), Iperó (1988), Ezeiza (1988), Iguazu Falls (1990)**

Confidence Building Process (1985-1991)

- Visit of President Sarney to the Diffusion Enrichment Plant in Pilcaniyeu, Argentina (July 1987)



- Visit of President Alfonsín to the Centrifuge Enrichment Plant in ARAMAR, Brazil (April 1988)

Bilateral Agreement

Signature of the
Agreement between
Argentina and Brazil
for the Exclusively
Peaceful Uses of
Nuclear Energy
Guadalajara, Mexico,
July 1991



- Countries committed to use nuclear materials and facilities exclusively for peaceful purposes
- ABACC created to administer the SCCC
- Ratified in 12 Dec. 1991

Mission of ABACC

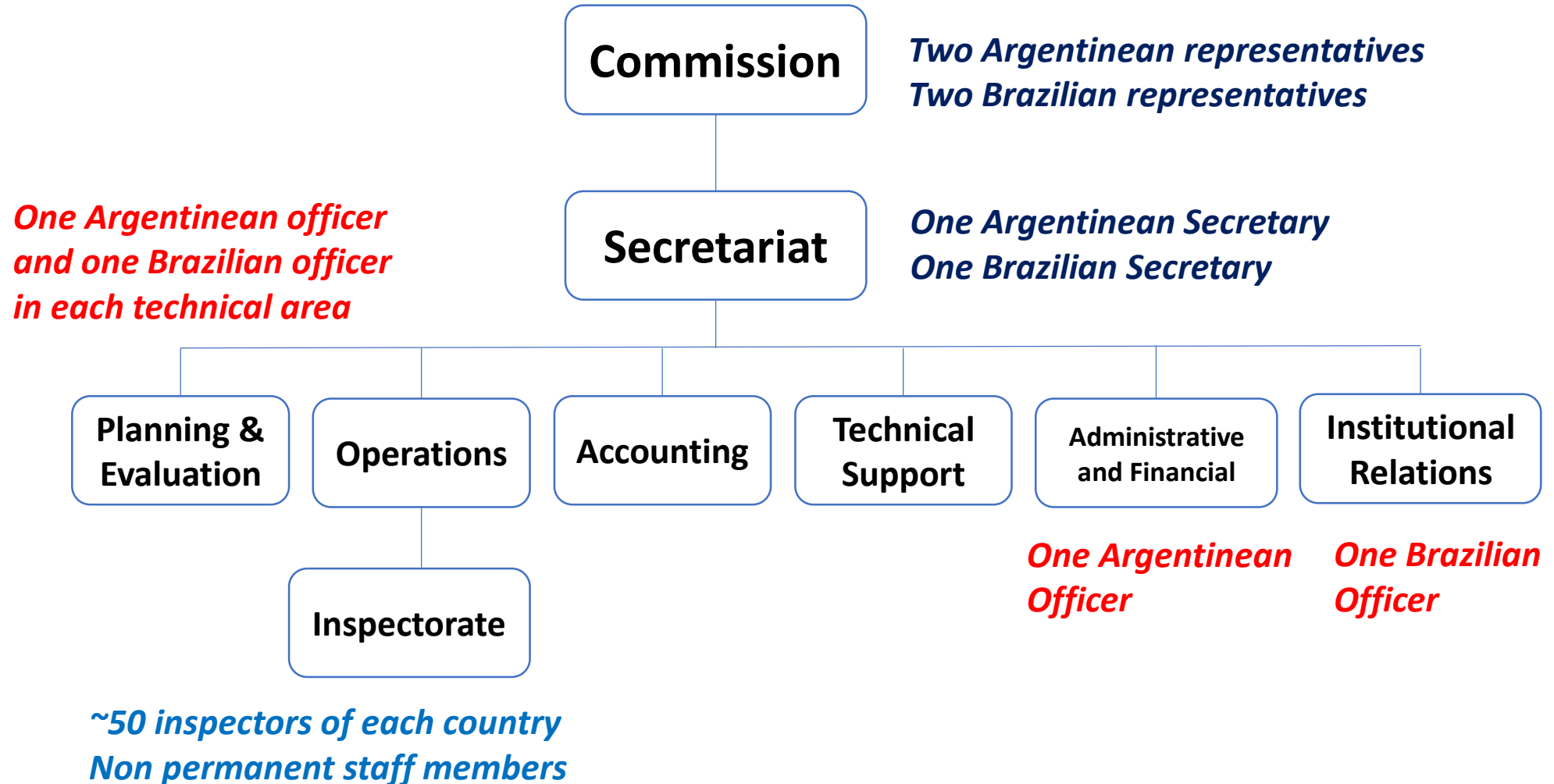
- To verify that all nuclear materials in all nuclear activities are used exclusively for peaceful purposes
- To apply the Common System of Nuclear Materials Accounting and Control (SCCC)
- ABACC started its activities in April 1992



A History of Success

- South Common Market created in 1993
 - ABACC is still the only official agency of both countries
- Trade went from US\$1.5 billion to US\$30 billion
 - Brazil, the main trade partner of Argentina
 - Argentina, the third trade partner of Brazil
- ~3 million Argentines visit Brazil annually
- ~1 million Brazilians visit Argentina annually
- Mutual confidence: enhancing national, regional and international security

Structure of ABACC



Advantages of the ABACC's Inspectorate

- Cross inspections: Argentinean inspectors inspect Brazilian facilities and vice-versa
- Each country appoints inspectors for approval by the ABACC Commission
- The Secretariat selects inspectors with the best expertise to inspect a given facility: enhancing the effectiveness
- The inspector performs the activities on behalf of his/her country: high sense of responsibility
- Solving a problem or an anomaly is very straightforward and fast

Nuclear Facilities (as of Feb. 28, 2021)



NPPs Angra 1 & 2



Enrichment Plant LEI



Enrichment Plant INB

TYPE OF FACILITY	ARGENTINA	BRAZIL	TOTAL
Conversion & Fuel Fabrication	9*	2	11
Uranium Enrichment Plants	2	3	5
Power Reactors	5*;**	3*	8
Research Reactors, Critical Units, Subcritical Units	6*	7*	13
Others (R&D Facilities, Storages, LOF)	28*	10**	38
Total	50	25	75

* One facility under construction; ** One designed facility



NPPs Atucha 1 & 2



NPP Embalse



Enrichment Plant Pilcaniyeu

Some Figures on ABACC's Activities

- Nuclear Materials under safeguards:
From 1300 SQs in 1994 to 3900 SQs in 2021
- 3200 inspections performed, including 250 Unannounced Inspections
- \approx 120 inspections annually
- Inspection effort: \approx 1000 inspector.days
- 2021 Budget: US\$4.5 million

Verification Activities

- Accountancy measures: **Using last international standard on equipment**



- Non-destructive measurement systems
- Samples collection and analysis



- Containment & Surveillance: Latest generation Systems



Quadripartite Agreement

- Signed in Dec. 1991 and ratified in March 1994
- ABACC and the IAEA shall be guided by the following principles:



- **The need to reach independent conclusions**
- **The need to coordinate their activities to avoid unnecessary duplication of ABACC's safeguards**
- **ABACC and the IAEA shall work jointly according to compatible safeguards criteria of the two organizations**

Cooperation ABACC & IAEA

- Excellent coordination of activities at operational level
- Joint inspection procedures
- Agreed safeguards approaches
- Coordination on equipment procurement
- ~40 procedures for common use of equipment

Cooperation ABACC & IAEA



Visit of IAEA Director General
Hans Blix in 1997

Visit of IAEA Director General
Mohamed ElBaradei in 2007



Visit of IAEA Director General Yukya
Amano in 2016



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