

Korea No. 1 (2026)

Protocol Amending

the Agreement between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Republic of Korea for the Co-operation in the Peaceful uses of Nuclear Energy

Seoul, 12 June 2026

[The Agreement is not in force]

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PROTOCOL AMENDING THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA FOR CO-OPERATION IN THE PEACEFUL USES OF NUCLEAR ENERGY

The Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (the "United Kingdom") and the Government of the Republic of Korea (hereinafter jointly referred to as the "Contracting Parties" or individually as a "Contracting Party");

RECOGNISING that the United Kingdom entered into the Agreement between the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the International Atomic Energy Agency for the Application of Safeguards in Connection with the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons, and the Protocol Additional to that Agreement, both done at Vienna on 7 June 2018;

DESIRING to amend the Agreement between the Government of the Republic of Korea and the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland for Co-operation in the Peaceful Uses of Nuclear Energy, done at Seoul on 27 November 1991 (the "1991 Agreement");

DESIRING to make grammatical corrections to the English version of the 1991 Agreement and to adopt gender neutral language, reflecting the language in the Korean version; and

DESIRING to continue co-operation between the Contracting Parties in the promotion and development of the peaceful uses of nuclear energy following the United Kingdom's withdrawal from the Treaty Establishing the European Atomic Energy Community (EURATOM), done at Rome on 25 March 1957 (the "Euratom Treaty");

HAVE AGREED AS FOLLOWS:

ARTICLE 1

The following words in the preamble to the 1991 Agreement shall be deleted:

> "Mindful of the fact that the United Kingdom is a member of the European Atomic Energy Community (EURATOM);".

ARTICLE 2

Article 4 of the 1991 Agreement shall be deleted and replaced with the following wording:

"(1) Nuclear material transferred under this Agreement, or nuclear material produced through the use of nuclear material, equipment, material, facilities or technological information transferred in the context of this Agreement, shall be subject to international safeguards.

(2) For the Republic of Korea, the implementation of the Agreement between the Government of the Republic of Korea and the International Atomic Energy Agency for the Application of Safeguards in Connection with the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons, done at Seoul on 31 October 1975, and the Protocol Additional to that Agreement, done at Vienna on 21 June 1999, shall be considered to fulfil this requirement.

(3) For the United Kingdom, the implementation of the Agreement between the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the International Atomic Energy Agency for the Application of Safeguards in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland in Connection with the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons, and the Protocol Additional to that Agreement, both done at Vienna on 7 June 2018, shall be considered to fulfil this requirement."

ARTICLE 3

Article 5 of the 1991 Agreement shall be deleted and replaced with the following wording:

"The Contracting Parties shall take appropriate measures in order to provide the nuclear material, material and equipment transferred under this Agreement and special fissionable material used in or produced through the use of any nuclear material, material, or equipment so transferred with physical protection at a level not lower than the level set out in the IAEA document INFCIRC/225/Rev.5 and in the amended Convention on the Physical Protection of Nuclear Material (aCPPNM) and any subsequent revisions thereto accepted by the Contracting Parties."

ARTICLE 4

Article 6 of the 1991 Agreement shall be deleted and replaced with the following wording:

"(1) Nuclear material, equipment and technology listed in the IAEA document INFCIRC/254/Rev.14/Part 1 and in any subsequent revisions thereto accepted by the Contracting Parties, which has been transferred between the Contracting Parties or entities authorised under Article 2 of this Agreement, or which has been produced by the use of material, equipment or technical information transferred under this Agreement,

shall not be transferred into the territory of a third State unless the Government of that third State:

(a) provides formal assurances explicitly excluding uses which would result in any nuclear explosive device;

(b) undertakes to ensure that any such nuclear material is subject at all times to measures of physical protection at least equivalent to those in IAEA document INFCIRC/225/Rev.5 and in any subsequent revisions thereto accepted by the Contracting Parties;

(c) provides assurances that the material shall be at all times subject to a safeguards agreement with the International Atomic Energy Agency; and

(d) undertakes that the material, equipment and technology shall not be further transferred to another non-nuclear weapon State unless that State provides the assurances equivalent to those set out in this Article.

(2) The Contracting Party which transfers or, where an entity as referred to in Article 2 above proposes to so transfer, then the Contracting Party on its behalf, shall obtain from the third State the assurance envisaged in the documents referred to in Paragraph (1)."

ARTICLE 5

Article 7(2) of the 1991 Agreement shall be amended by deleting "Article 5(2),".

ARTICLE 6

Article 8 of the 1991 Agreement shall be deleted and replaced with the following wording: "The obligations of the Contracting Parties under any treaties or similar agreements to which either is a party shall remain unaffected by this Agreement."

ARTICLE 7

Article 9(2) of the English text of the 1991 Agreement shall be amended by adding "Contracting" before "Parties".

ARTICLE 8

(1) Article 10(1) of the English text of the 1991 Agreement shall be amended by deleting the word "the" before "diplomatic" and adding "s" at the end of "channel".

(2) Article 10(3) of the English text of the 1991 Agreement shall be amended by replacing "Chairman" with "Chairperson" in the third and fourth sentences.

(3) Article 10(4) of the English text of the 1991 Agreement shall be amended by replacing "he" with "he/she" in the second and third sentences.

(4) Article 10(5) of the English text of the 1991 Agreement shall be amended by replacing "Chairman" with "Chairperson" in the third sentence.

ARTICLE 9

Article 11(1) of the 1991 Agreement shall be amended by deleting the second sentence and replacing it with the following wording:

> "Thereafter it shall remain in force unless either Contracting Party has given the other Contracting Party notice of termination in writing, in which case it shall terminate one year from the date of such notice."

ARTICLE 10

Annex A and Annex B of the 1991 Agreement shall be deleted.

ARTICLE 11

(1) This Protocol shall enter into force thirty (30) days after the date of the later notification between the Contracting Parties confirming that they have completed their domestic procedures for its entry into force, or on such date as the Contracting Parties may otherwise agree.

(2) Subject to the provisions of Article 11(2) and 11(3) of the 1991 Agreement, this Protocol shall terminate when the 1991 Agreement terminates.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned, being duly authorised thereto by their respective Governments, have signed this Protocol.

DONE in duplicate at Seoul, on the Twelfth of June, 2026, in the English and Korean languages, both texts being equally authentic.

For the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland:	**For the Government of the Republic of Korea:**
SEEMA MALHOTRA	**PARK YOON-JOO**

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