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Background Statement Concerning the Agreement
Between the United States and Spain
For Cooperation in the Global Learning and Observations
to Benefit the Environment (GLOBE) Program, with appendices.
Signed at Madrid May 5, 1998.

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This agreement provides the framework for cooperation between the United States and Spain in the GLOBE Program. The GLOBE Program is an initiative of Vice President Gore, designed to increase awareness of students around the world about the global environment and involve them in an effort to increase scientific understanding of the earth. The GLOBE program is intended to bring students, teachers, and scientists together to study the global environment. Under the GLOBE program, an international network of students, ranging from the elementary to the high school level, will be created to study environmental issues, make environmental measurements, and share useful environmental data with the international environmental science community. This agreement provides the terms and conditions that will govern Spain's participation in the GLOBE program.

Legal Authority: Article II, Section 1 of the Constitution (executive power clause); Section 102(F) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, 42 U.S.C. 4332(2)(F).