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In statements to reporters on Nov. 23 in Rio de Janeiro, Alexander Pretsenke, chief of the Soviet government's committee for the peaceful use of nuclear energy, said that officials of the two countries would sign a cooperation protocol on Nov. 25. The cooperation, he said, includes the exchange of information on safety measures for nuclear power plants, Soviet experience in dealing with the effects of the Chernobyl reactor accident, production of isotopes and the construction of small reactors for research purposes. Pretsenke, who headed a delegation of Soviet scientists in Brazil, said that joint efforts in the construction of small reactors for research projects is possible, while joint construction of nuclear power plants has been ruled out. The scientist told reporters that supervision by the UN International Atomic Energy Agency would be required for bilateral construction of large reactors. (Basic data from Xinhua, 11/24/89)

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