BILATERAL

AGREEMENT ON TECHNICAL COOPERATION IN THE FIELD OF AGRICULTURE AND AGRICULTURE RELATED FIELDS BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE...

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The Government of the Republic of the Philippines and the Government of the State of Israel, hereinafter referred to as the "Contracting Parties":

Desiring to strengthen the existing friendly relations between the two countries through the development of cooperation in the field of agricultural science and technology; and Recognizing the benefits to be derived by their respective peoples from the implementation of such cooperation:

Have agreed as follows:

ARTICLE I

The Contracting Parties shall promote cooperation activities on agricultural science and technology between the two countries through joint activities, programs and exchanges.

ARTICLE II

Joint activities to be undertaken will be determined by the Contracting Parties and will be in conformity with the laws and agricultural policies of both countries.

The cooperation will be in the areas of agricultural cooperatives; marketing, distribution and storage of agricultural produce; irrigation and water management; agricultural machinery; plant science; fruit and vegetable production and processing; production and postharvest handling of cutflowers; livestock, dairy and poultry production and processing; animal health; soi1 management and aquaculture; and other additional fields as agreed by the Parties.

ARTICLE III

The cooperation will be effected through, but not limited to, the exchange of materials and information; the exchange of scientists, experts and trainees; the joint publication of studies and papers; the provision of scholarship programs; the organization of trainings, symposia and conferences; joint ventures, and other means as may be agreed upon.

ARTICLE IV

Both Parties shall grant to the long term specialized personnel of the other Party the status, privileges and immunities accorded to U.N. international experts on a mission of technical assistance.

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ARTICLE V

A Joint Working Group shall be formed to determine joint activities and provide guidance, review the progress of activities and facilitate cooperation. The Joint Working Group shall meet once every two years in Manila and Jerusalem, alternately. The Joint Working Group shall prepare working programs of cooperation for the coming two year-period and determine their financial aspects.

ARTICLE VI

To generate broad interest, this Agreement authorizes the involvement of other interested government agencies, and of the scientific, academic and business communities and private sectors of both countries. The Contracting Parties shall encourage and facilitate direct contacts between these groups in order to work towards long-term cooperation in programs of research, extension training and identification of joint ventures in agribusiness.

ARTICLE VII

On principle, the sending Contracting Party shall bear the costs of air transport of its participants while the receiving Party will pay the costs of local hospitality, unless the Parties agree on other arrangements. Activities pursuant to the Agreement are subject to the availability of funds and personnel and to the laws and regulations of the respective countries of the Parties.

ARTICLE VIII

This Agreement shall enter into force on the date of the latter of the diplomatic Notes by which the Parties notify each other that their internal legal procedures for the entering into force of the Agreement have been complied with, and shall be valid for a period of five years. Thereafter it shall be automatically renewable for additional periods of five (5) years each, unless terminated earlier by either Contracting Party upon notice given through diplomatic channels to the other Contracting Party, six months prior to the date of expiry of the relevant period.

Any amendments to the Agreement shall follow the same procedure as its entering into force. Notwithstanding the termination of the Agreement, the activities already in progress shall continue until completed.

Done at Jerusalem on 6th June 1994, which corresponds to 27th Sivan 5154, in two original copies in the English and Hebrew languages, both texts being equally authentic.

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