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No. 1266. MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING CONSTITUTING AN AGREEMENT¹ BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND IRAN RELATING TO A PROGRAM FOR TECHNICAL CO-OPERATION ON RURAL IMPROVEMENT IN IRAN. SIGNED AT TEHRAN, ON 19 OCTOBER 1950

The Government of Iran having requested the cooperation of the Government of the United States in a program for the exchange of technical knowledge and skills designed to promote the economic development of Iran, and the Government of the United States having indicated that it is prepared to cooperate in accordance with the provisions of Public Law 535, 81st Congress,² the following understanding has been reached regarding the principles and procedures for governing such a program :

1. The primary objective of the cooperative program shall be an improvement in the living conditions and productivity of the residents of the rural areas. In achieving this objective, special attention shall be given to a coordinated approach, at the village level, to problems of education, sanitation, and agricultural practices.

2. The program for rural improvement shall be based on a series of demonstration and training centers to be established gradually throughout the country at points near the principal centers of population. Effort should be made to extend, as rapidly as competent Iranians are available, the approved practices and procedures developed at the demonstration centers to those public and private landholdings where the necessary facilities are made available.

3. The Government of Iran shall provide such Iranian personnel, including rural school teachers, agricultural experts, and health and sanitation experts and such land, buildings, and equipment from local sources as may be required by the demonstration and training centers and it shall provide the commission established under Paragraph 5 below, adequate cash funds amounting per annum to not less than 3,200,000 rials for meeting operating expenses.

¹ Came into force on 19 October 1950, by signature.

² United States : 64 Stat. 198.

4. The Government of the United States shall provide (a) the services of technicians in the fields of education, agriculture and health to supply technical and administrative direction of the work of the individual demonstration centers, and (b) equipment and apparatus not produced or manufactured in Iran.

5. In order to provide joint supervision over the cooperative aspects of the program for rural improvement and in order to furnish a ready means for consultation between the two Governments in regard thereto, there shall be established an Iranian-United States Joint Commission for Rural Improvement composed of four representatives of the Government of Iran and three representatives of the Government of the United States. One of the representatives of Iran shall be elected Chairman of the Commission. The Commission shall select a technical director to carry out its policies.

6. The duties of the Commission shall be : (a) to establish policies and procedures for the operation of demonstration and training centers, (b) to approve the places at which demonstration and training centers shall be established, (c) to submit for the approval of the Governments of Iran and the United States recommendations in respect of land, buildings, equipment, and personnel required, and (d) to harmonize the operations of this Commission with the work that is being carried out by the other Government and private agencies in each area.

7. The Commission shall publish periodic reports on the progress of its work and both Governments will give the Commission's work full publicity.

8. In any case in which equipment and apparatus provided by the Government of the United States under the terms of this Memorandum of Understanding are not exempt from customs duties or other Iranian taxes, such duties or taxes from which exemption is not granted shall be paid by the Plan Organization of the Government of Iran from its own funds.

9. In any case in which personal property imported into Iran for personal use by employees of the United States Government, other than Iranian nationals, assigned to duties in Iran under the terms of this Memorandum of Understanding or by accompanying members of their families is not exempt from customs duties or other Iranian taxes or in which such employees or such members of their families are not exempt from income taxes or social security taxes, such duties or taxes from which exemption is not granted shall be paid by the Plan Organization of the Iranian Government from its own funds.

10. This Memorandum of Understanding shall remain in effect until terminated by either Government upon ninety day's written notice.

Teheran, Abyaz Palace, October 19, 1950.

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