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No. 2385. EXCHANGE OF NOTES CONSTITUTING AN AGREEMENT¹ BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND LEBANON RELATING TO TECHNICAL CO-OPERATION. BEIRUT, 26 DECEMBER 1951 AND 5 JANUARY 1952

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The American Minister to the Lebanese Acting Minister of Foreign Affairs

LEGATION OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

No. 394

Beirut, December 26, 1951

Excellency :

I have the honor to refer to the ratification by the Parliament of Lebanon on November 17, 1951 of the General Agreement for Technical Cooperation which had been signed on May 29, 1951 by the Government of Lebanon and the Government of the United States,² and to the discussions that are now taking place between authorized officials of both Governments with respect to cooperative programs of economic development and technical assistance. In order to expedite the initiation and implementation of such programs and projects I believe it now timely to make the following observations :

1. Before the United States Government can proceed with the extension of further aid for the development of the Litani River, it must have a note from the Government of Lebanon requesting that the next stages of the investigation be continued along the lines recommended in the report of June 1951 made by the Litani River Investigation Group.

2. It is also essential that the United States Government receive a note from the Government of Lebanon requesting the initiation of similar cooperative programs in agriculture, public health, education, and such other fields as may be mutually agreed upon.

3. In order to expedite operations in these fields, arrangements for such cooperative programs and for specific projects can best be made directly between the Ministries concerned within the Government of Lebanon and the United States Technical Cooperation Service assigned to Lebanon.

¹ Came into force on 5 January 1952 by the exchange of the said notes.

² United Nations, *Treaty Series*, Vol. 160, p. 49.

4. Furthermore, according to the stipulations of the Mutual Security Act, passed by the United States Congress and signed by the President on October 10, 1951,¹ which covers both Technical Assistance and Economic Aid, the cooperating country desiring to benefit from this Act must present its request for such aid on the basis of certain broad principles as shown in the Act.

5. In order to facilitate the operations of the Technical Cooperative Service of the United States in Lebanon, it is considered highly desirable that the Government of Lebanon extend to the staff of this Service the proper diplomatic privileges and immunities to supplement those granted by the Technical Aid Agreement.

6. It is hoped that the Government of Lebanon will give this matter immediate attention and will communicate its decision covering the above-mentioned points, in one or more notes, as it sees fit. Since one-half of the present United States fiscal year has gone, it is important that no more time be lost in allocating the appropriated United States funds to specific programs and projects in Lebanon.

Accept, Excellency, the renewed assurances of my most distinguished consideration.

Harold B. MINOR

His Excellency Abdallah Bey Yafi
Acting Minister of Foreign Affairs for the Republic of Lebanon
Beirut

¹ United States of America : 65 Stat. 373.

[TRANSLATION¹ — TRADUCTION²]

REPUBLIC OF LEBANON

MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS

Economic and Social Department

No. 331

Excellency :

I have received your note No. 394 dated December 26, 1951, in which you refer to the General Agreement for Technical Cooperation signed on May 29, 1951, by the Government of Lebanon and the Government of the United States, and ratified by the Parliament of Lebanon on November 27, 1951, and to the Mutual Security Act signed by the President of the United States on October 10, 1951.

The Government of Lebanon desires to benefit from the provisions of the above-mentioned agreement, and from the provisions of the Mutual Security Act according to Section 511 (b) thereof, with respect to the provisions of both as regards technical cooperation and economic aid. In this, the Government of Lebanon aims at the common interest of both countries, the objectives of which are the strengthening of international understanding and goodwill, the preservation of international peace and the easing of international tension, in accordance with the United Nations Charter.

The Government of Lebanon requests the United States Government to proceed with the next stage of investigations for the Litani River project along the lines recommended in the report of June 1951 prepared by the first technical group for the project, and also to initiate similar cooperative programs pertinent to the development of the natural resources of Lebanon, public works, industry, agriculture, social affairs, education, public health, and such other fields as may be agreed upon.

The Government of Lebanon further requests the United States Government to extend to her economic aid in the fields mentioned above during this fiscal year and the years to follow.

The Government of Lebanon desires that the programs or projects on which she decides, and which will be presented to you through the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, be implemented through agreement and cooperation between the Ministries concerned and the United States Technical Staff assigned to Lebanon.

Please accept, Excellency, the renewed assurances of my most distinguished considerations.

Beirut, 5/1/52

Prime Minister and Acting Minister
for Foreign Affairs and Emigrants
Abdallah EL-YAFI

His Excellency Harold B. Minor
American Minister

¹ Translation by the Government of the United States of America.

² Traduction du Gouvernement des États-Unis d'Amérique.