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and
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The Government of the Kingdom of the Netherlands and the Government of the United States of America,

Considering that the peoples of the territories of the Kingdom of the Netherlands and of the United States of America have a common interest in economic and social progress and that their cooperative efforts to exchange technical knowledge and skills will assist in achieving that objective, and

Considering that the interchange of technical knowledge and skills will strengthen the mutual security of both peoples, and develop their resources in the interest of maintaining their security, and

Considering that the Government of the Kingdom of the Netherlands and the Government of the United States of America have agreed to join in promoting international understanding and good will and in maintaining world peace, and to undertake such action as they may mutually agree upon to eliminate causes for international tension,

Have agreed as follows :

Article I

APPLICATION

This Agreement shall apply to the territories of Surinam and the Netherlands Antilles (hereinafter to be referred to as " the Territories ") for the international relations of which the Government of the Netherlands is responsible.

Article II

ASSISTANCE AND COOPERATION

1. The Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Netherlands undertake to cooperate with each other in the interchange of technical knowledge and skills and in related activities designed to contribute to the

¹ Came into force on 21 April 1954, the date of receipt by the Government of the United States of America of a notification from the Government of the Netherlands, in accordance with article VI (1).

balanced and integrated development of the economic resources and productive capacities of the Territories to which the present Agreement applies. Particular technical cooperation programs and projects will be carried out pursuant to the provisions of such separate written agreements or understandings as may later be reached by the Foreign Operations Administration of the United States of America and duly designated representatives of the Governments of the Territories, as well as, when appropriate, by the Government of the Netherlands, or by other persons, agencies or organizations designated by the two Governments to this Agreement.

2. The Government of the Netherlands through its duly designated representatives in cooperation with representatives of the Territories and of the Foreign Operations Administration, or other duly designated representatives of the United States of America, and representatives of appropriate international organizations will endeavor to coordinate and integrate all technical cooperation programs being carried on in the Territories.

3. The Government of the Netherlands will cooperate in the mutual exchange of technical knowledge and skills with other countries participating in technical cooperation programs.

4. The Government of the Netherlands will endeavor to make effective use of the results of programs and projects carried on under this Agreement.

5. The two Governments will, upon the request of either of them, consult with regard to any matter relating to the application of this Agreement, to program and project agreements heretofore or hereafter concluded between them, or to operations or arrangements carried out pursuant to such agreements.

Article III

INFORMATION AND PUBLICITY

1. The Government of the Netherlands will communicate to the Government of the United States of America in a form and at intervals to be mutually agreed upon :

a. Information concerning projects, programs, measures and operations carried on under this Agreement including a statement of the use of funds, materials, equipment, and services provided thereunder;

b. Information regarding technical assistance for the Territories that has been or is being requested of other countries or of international organizations.

2. The Governments of the United States of America and the Netherlands will endeavor to give full publicity to the objectives and progress of the technical cooperation program carried on under this Agreement. Not less frequently than once a year, the Government of the Netherlands will make public in the Netherlands and in the Territories to which this Agreement applies and the Government of the United States of America will make public in the United States periodic reports on the technical cooperation programs carried on pursuant to this Agreement. Such reports shall include information as to the use of funds, materials, equipment and services.

3. The Governments will, in conformity with the statement, published July 20, 1950, by the Member Governments of the Caribbean Commission on the role of that Commission in technical assistance programs, keep the Caribbean Commission fully informed of projects, programs or project proposals for technical assistance activities under this Agreement.

Article IV

PROGRAM AND PROJECT AGREEMENTS

1. The program and project agreements referred to in Article II, paragraph 1, above will include provisions relating to policies, administrative procedures, the disbursement of and accounting for funds, the contributions of each party to the cost of the program or project, and the furnishing of detailed information of the character set forth in Article III, paragraph 1, above.

2. Any funds, materials and equipment introduced into the Territories to which this Agreement applies, by, or on behalf of, the Government of the United States of America or by, or on behalf of, contractors and agents performing services pursuant to such program and project agreements shall be exempt from taxes, service charges, investment or deposit requirements, and currency controls.

3. The Government of the Netherlands agrees that a fair share of the cost of technical cooperation programs and projects under this Agreement will be borne by that Government or by the Governments of the Territories.

Article V

PERSONNEL

All personnel of the Government of the United States of America and accompanying members of their families whether employed directly by it or under contract with a public or private agency in the Territories in connection with cooperative technical assistance programs and projects shall be exempt from all Netherlands or Territorial income taxes and social security taxes with respect to the income upon which they are obligated to pay income or social security taxes to the Government of the United States of America, and from property taxes on personal property intended for their own use and from the payment of tariff, custom or import duties on personal effects, equipment, and supplies and household effects imported into the Territories for their own use.

Article VI

ENTRY INTO FORCE, AMENDMENT, DURATION

1. After the approval constitutionally required in the Netherlands has been obtained, the present Agreement shall enter into force on the date of receipt by the Government of the United States of America of a relevant notification from the Netherlands Government. It shall remain in force until three months after either Government shall have given notice in writing to the other of intention to terminate the Agreement.

2. If, during the life of this Agreement, either Government should consider that there should be an amendment thereof, it shall so notify the other Government in writing and the two Governments will thereupon consult with regard to the proposal for amendment.

3. Subsidiary project and other agreements and arrangements which may be concluded may remain in force beyond any termination of this Agreement, in accordance with such arrangements as the two Governments may make.

4. This Agreement is complementary to and does not supersede existing agreements between the two Governments except insofar as other agreements are inconsistent herewith.

IN FAITH WHEREOF the undersigned representatives, duly authorised for that purpose, have signed the present Agreement.

DONE at the Hague, this 22nd day of January, 1954, in duplicate in the Dutch and English languages, both texts being equally authentic.

For the Government of the Kingdom of the Netherlands :

(Signed) J. W. BEYEN

(Signed) J. LUNS

For the Government of the United States of America :

(Signed) H. Freeman MATTHEWS
