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**UNITED NATIONS  
and  
VENEZUELA**

**Basic Agreement concerning technical assistance. Signed at  
Caracas, on 26 February and 5 March 1954**

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**ORGANISATION DES NATIONS UNIES  
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**Accord de base relatif à l'assistance technique. Signé à  
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*Enregistré d'office le 5 mars 1954.*

No. 2498. BASIC AGREEMENT<sup>1</sup> CONCERNING TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE BETWEEN THE UNITED NATIONS AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF VENEZUELA. SIGNED AT CARACAS, ON 26 FEBRUARY AND 5 MARCH 1954

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The United Nations (hereinafter called "the Organization") and the Government of Venezuela (hereinafter called "the Government")

desiring to give effect to the resolutions and decisions relating to technical assistance of the Organization, which are intended to promote the economic and social progress and development of peoples,

have entered into this Basic Agreement in a spirit of friendly co-operation.

*Article I*

FURNISHING OF TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

1. The Organization shall render technical assistance to the Government on such matters and in such manner as may subsequently be agreed upon in supplementary agreements or arrangements pursuant to this Basic Agreement.
2. Such technical assistance shall be furnished and received in accordance with the Observations and Guiding Principles set forth in Annex I of Resolution 222 (IX) A<sup>2</sup> of the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations of 15 August 1949, and as appropriate in accordance with the relevant resolutions and decisions of the assemblies, conferences and other organs of the Organization.
3. Such technical assistance may consist

(a) of making available the services of experts to the Republic of Venezuela (hereinafter called "the country"), in order to render advice and assistance to the appropriate authorities ;

(b) of organizing and conducting seminars, training programmes, demonstration projects, expert working groups, and related activities in such places as may be mutually agreed ;

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<sup>1</sup> Came into force on 5 March 1954, the date of the second signature, in accordance with article VI (1).

<sup>2</sup> United Nations, *Treaty Series*, Vol. 76, p. 132.

(c) of awarding scholarships and fellowships or of making other arrangements under which candidates nominated by the Government, and approved by the organization concerned shall study or receive training outside the country ;

(d) of preparing and executing pilot projects in such places as may be mutually agreed upon ;

(e) of providing any other form of technical assistance which may be agreed upon by the Organization and the Government.

4. (a) Experts who are to render advice and assistance to the Government shall be selected by the Organization in consultation with the Government. They shall be responsible to the Organization.

(b) In the performance of their duties the experts shall act in close consultation with the Government and with those persons or bodies so authorized by the Government and shall comply with such instructions from the Government as may be foreseen in the supplementary agreements or arrangements.

(c) The experts shall in the course of their advisory work make every effort to instruct any technical staff the Government may associate with them, in their professional methods, techniques and practices, and in the principles on which these are based, and the Government shall, wherever practicable, arrange for such technical staff to be attached to the experts for this purpose.

5. Any technical equipment or supplies which may be furnished by the Organization shall remain its property unless and until such time as title may be transferred on terms and conditions mutually agreed upon between the Organization and the Government.

6. The duration of the technical assistance to be furnished shall be specified in the relative supplementary agreements or arrangements.

## *Article II*

### CO-OPERATION OF THE GOVERNMENT CONCERNING TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

1. The Government shall do everything in its power to ensure the effective use of the technical assistance provided.

2. The Government and the Organization shall consult together regarding the publication, as appropriate, of any findings and reports of experts that may prove of benefit to other countries.

3. In any case, the Government will, as far as practicable make available to the Organization, information on the actions taken as a consequence of the assistance rendered and on the results achieved.

*Article III*

## ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS OF THE ORGANIZATION

1. The Organization shall defray, in full or in part, as may be specified in supplementary agreements or arrangements, the costs necessary to the technical assistance which are payable outside the country as follows :

- (a) the salaries of the experts ;
- (b) the costs of transportation and subsistence of the experts during their travel to and from the point of entry into the country ;
- (c) the cost of any other travel outside the country ;
  
- (d) insurance of the experts ;
- (e) purchase and transport to and from the point of entry into the country of any equipment or supplies provided by the Organization ;
- (f) any other expenses outside the country approved by the Organization.

2. The Organization shall defray such expenses in local currency as are not covered by the Government pursuant to Article IV, paragraph I, of this Agreement.

*Article IV*

## ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS OF THE GOVERNMENT

1. The Government shall contribute to the cost of technical assistance by paying for, or directly furnishing, the following facilities and services :

- (a) local personnel services, technical and administrative, including the necessary local secretarial help, interpreter-translators, and related assistance ;
  
- (b) the necessary office space and other premises ;
- (c) Equipment and supplies produced within the country ;
- (d) transportation of personnel, supplies and equipment for official purposes within the country ;
- (e) postage and telecommunications for official purposes ;
- (f) medical care for technical assistance personnel ;
- (g) such subsistence for experts as may be specified in supplementary agreements or arrangements.

2. For the purpose of meeting the expenses payable by it, the Government may establish a local currency fund, or funds, in such amounts and under procedures as may be specified in supplementary agreements or arrangements. Where the Organization has the custody of such a fund account shall be duly rendered and any unused balance shall be returned to the Government.

3. The Government shall defray such portion of the expenses to be paid outside the country as are not covered by the Organization, as may be specified under supplementary agreements or arrangements.
4. In appropriate cases the Government shall put at the disposal of the expert such labour, equipment, supplies, and other services or property as may be needed for the execution of their work and as may be mutually agreed upon.

#### *Article V*

#### FACILITIES, PRIVILEGES AND IMMUNITIES

1. Until the Government of Venezuela accedes to the Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the United Nations<sup>1</sup> the Government shall grant to the Organization and the technical assistance officials referred to in this Agreement, the privileges and immunities accorded to the diplomatic missions accredited to it.
2. The Organization and the technical assistance officials, referred to in this Agreement, shall be accorded the most favourable legal provisions concerning conversion of currency existing in Venezuela at the moment of such conversion, always provided that such conversion be required for the exercise of the functions referred to in this Agreement or in the supplementary agreements or arrangements, including the conversion of any portion of the salaries of the experts.

#### *Article VI*

1. This Basic Agreement shall enter into force upon signature duly authorized of representatives of the Organization and of the Government. If it is not signed by both Parties on the same day, it shall enter into force as of the day on which the second signature is affixed thereto.
2. This Basic Agreement and any supplementary agreement or arrangement made pursuant hereto may be modified by agreement between the Organization and the Government, each of which shall give full and sympathetic consideration to any request by other for such modification.
3. This Basic Agreement may be terminated by the Organization or by the Government upon written notice to the other party and in such case shall terminate sixty days after receipt of such notice. Termination of the Basic Agreement shall be deemed to constitute termination of the supplementary agreements or arrangements.

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<sup>1</sup> United Nations, *Treaty Series*, Vol. 1, pp. 15 and 263; Vol. 4, p. 461; Vol. 5, p. 413; Vol. 6, p. 433; Vol. 7, p. 353; Vol. 9, p. 398; Vol. 11, p. 406; Vol. 12, p. 416; Vol. 14, p. 490; Vol. 15, p. 442; Vol. 18, p. 382; Vol. 26, p. 396; Vol. 42, p. 354; Vol. 43, p. 335; Vol. 45, p. 318; Vol. 66, p. 346; Vol. 70, p. 266; Vol. 173, p. 369; Vol. 177, p. 324, and Vol. 180, p. 296.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the undersigned, duly appointed representatives of the Organization and the Government respectively, have signed the present Agreement, the representative of the Organization at Caracas, this 5th day of March, 1954, and the representative of the Government at Caracas, this 26th day of February, 1954, in the Spanish and English languages in two copies.

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