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No. 2501. BASIC AGREEMENT¹ CONCERNING TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE BETWEEN THE UNITED NATIONS AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA. SIGNED AT NEW YORK, ON 9 MARCH 1954

The United Nations (hereinafter called "the Organization") and the Government of the Republic of Liberia (hereinafter called "the Government"),

Desiring to give effect to the resolutions 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 and declare that their respective responsibilities shall be fulfilled 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)² of the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations of 15 August 1949, as well as in accordance with the relevant resolutions and decisions of the General Assembly or other organs of the United Nations.
3. Such technical assistance may consist :
 - a) of making available the services of experts to the Government in order to render advice and assistance to competent authorities ;
 - b) of organizing and conducting seminars, training programmes, demonstration projects, experts' working groups, and related activities in such places as may be mutually agreed ;
 - c) of awarding scholarships and fellowships or of making other arrangements under which candidates nominated by the Government, and approved by the Organization, shall study or receive training outside the country ;

¹ Came into force on 9 March 1954, upon signature, in accordance with article VI (1).

² United Nations, *Treaty Series*, Vol. 76, p. 132.

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

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 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 Supplementary Agreements.

(*c*) The experts shall, in the course of their advisory work, make every effort to instruct any technical staff as 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.

Article II

CO-OPERATION OF THE GOVERNMENT CONCERNING TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

1. The Government will 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 and the Organization itself.
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 following costs of technical assistance which are payable outside the country :

- 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 necessary 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 essential to the technical assistance rendered and provided by the Organization ;
 - f) any other expenses incurred outside the country and necessary for the technical assistance agreed upon.
2. The Organization shall defray such expenses in local currency as are not covered by the Government pursuant to Article IV, paragraph 1, 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) Supplies and materials obtainable within the country ;
 - d) Transportation of personnel, supplies and equipment for official purposes within the country ;
 - e) Postal and telecommunications for official purposes ;
 - f) Medical care for technical assistance personnel ;
 - g) Such subsistence for experts as may be specified in Supplementary Agreements.
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 such 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.

4. In appropriate cases, the Government shall put at the disposal of the experts 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

The Government, having acceded to the Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the United Nations,¹ undertakes to apply to the Organization, its funds, properties and assets, and to its officials including technical assistance experts, the provisions of the Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the United Nations.

Article VI

1. This Basic Agreement shall enter into force upon signature.
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 the other for such modification.
3. This Basic Agreement may be terminated by either Party upon written notice to the other and in this case it shall terminate 60 days after receipt of such notice. Termination of the Basic Agreement shall be deemed to constitute termination of the Supplementary Agreements or arrangements made pursuant to it.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the undersigned, duly appointed representatives of the Organization and the Government respectively, have signed the present Agreement at United Nations Headquarters.

New York, on this 9th day of March 1954, in two originals.

For the United Nations :

For the Government of the Republic of
Liberia :

(Signed) H. L. KEENLEYSIDE
Director-General
Technical Assistance Administration

(Signed) Cecil D. B. KING
Acting Permanent
Representative

¹ 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.