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Texte officiel anglais.

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No. 3022. AGREEMENT¹ BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND BURMA RELATING TO A TECHNICAL CO-OPERATION PROGRAM OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. SIGNED AT WASHINGTON, ON 24 OCTOBER 1952

Pursuant to the Economic Cooperation Agreement between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Union of Burma, signed at Rangoon on September 13, 1950,² and subject to its provisions, the United States Director of Technical Cooperation in Burma and the Chairman of the Burma Economic Aid Committee have consulted and have agreed as follows:

Article I

OPERATING AGENCIES

A cooperative program of Economic Development has been initiated and shall be continued in Burma. The responsibilities assumed herein by the Government of the United States of America will be performed by it through the Technical Cooperation Administration (hereinafter referred to as the "Administration"), an agency of the Government of the United States of America. The Administration will secure the assistance of other agencies of the Government of the United States of America and of other public and private agencies in discharging its responsibilities under this Agreement. The Burma Economic Aid Committee (hereinafter referred to as "BEAC") shall be the responsible agency and representative of the Government of the Union of Burma for the purpose of dealing with the Administration under this Agreement.

Article II

FIELDS OF ACTIVITY

This program will include, to the extent that the parties from time to time agree thereon, projects in public health and sanitation, education, agricultural development, and such other fields of activity as are related to the economic development of the Union of Burma and are among the authorized activities of the Administration.

¹ Came into force on 24 October 1952, as from the date of signature, in accordance with article VI.

² United Nations, *Treaty Series*, Vol. 92, p. 361.

Article III

JOINT CONTRIBUTIONS

The parties shall contribute and make available, to the extent provided below, funds for use in carrying out the program during the period covered by this Agreement, in accordance with the following schedules:

- 1. The Government of the United States of America, during the period from the date of entry into force of this Agreement through June 30, 1953, shall make available the funds necessary to pay the salaries and other expenses of the members of the Technical Mission, as well as such other expenses of an administrative nature as the Government of the United States of America may incur in connection with this program.
- 2. In addition, for the period from the date of entry into force of this Agreement through June 30, 1953, the Government of the United States of America shall contribute to the program the sum of \$6,582,000 (Six Million Five Hundred Eighty Two Thousand Dollars). This contribution shall remain in the United States until expended or otherwise withdrawn by agreement of the Administration and BEAC.
- 3. The total expenditures for local costs of projects covered by this Agreement to be initiated in the period ending June 30, 1953, which shall be borne by the Government of the Union of Burma, are estimated to be 35,000,000 Kyats, of which amount the Government of the Union of Burma, for the period from the date of entry into force of this Agreement through June 30, 1953, shall deposit to the credit of the special account established by the Economic Cooperation Agreement of September 13, 1950, the sum of 10,000,000 Kyats, in the currency of the Union of Burma. These deposits shall be made in such installments and at such times as BEAC and the Administration shall agree upon.
- 4. The parties may later agree in writing upon the amount of funds that each will contribute and make available each subsequent year for use in carrying out the program.
- 5. Contributions by the Government of the Union of Burma and by the Government of the United States pursuant to paragraphs 2, 3, and 4 of this Article shall be under the joint control of the Chairman, BEAC (hereinafter referred to as the "Chairman"), or his designee and the United States Director of Technical Cooperation in Burma (hereinafter referred to as the "Director") or his designee, and no part of the funds shall be withdrawn or expended except by authorization of both the Chairman and the Director. The concurrence of either the Chairman or the Director in the authorization for the expenditure of funds may be modified or withdrawn at any time, but such action shall not affect any valid contract obligations previously incurred.

- 6. Funds contributed by the Government of the United States of America may be converted into Kyats at the par value for the Kyats agreed with the International Monetary Fund in effect at the time of each conversion, provided this par value is the same rate applicable to the purchase of dollars for commercial transactions in the Union of Burma. If there is no such agreed par value or if there are two or more effective rates that are not unlawful for the purchase of dollars, the rates used shall be the rates agreed upon by the two Governments, but not less than the effective rates (including the amount of exchange tax, surcharge, bonus, or value of any exchange certificate) which, at the time of conversion, are applicable to the purchase of dollars for the respective purposes for which the dollars contributed to the program are to be used.
- 7. All funds contributed pursuant to this Agreement shall continue to be available for the program of economic development during the existence of this Agreement, without regard to annual periods or fiscal years of either of the parties.

Article IV

PROJECT OPERATIONS

- 1. The program of economic development herein provided for shall consist of a series of projects each of which shall be embodied in a written project agreement which shall be signed by the Chairman or his designee and the Director or his designee. Each project agreement shall define the work to be done, shall assign the administration of the project to the appropriate Ministry of the Government of the Union of Burma, shall make allocations of funds therefor from available monies, and may contain such other matters as the parties may desire to include. The projects contemplated for inclusion in the program for the period ending June 30, 1953, are shown in the list annexed hereto. The projects may be modified by agreement between the Chairman and the Director.
- 2. Upon substantial completion of any project, a Completion Memorandum shall be drawn up and signed by the Chairman and the Director, which shall provide a record of the work done, the objectives sought to be achieved, the expenditures made, the problems encountered and solved, and related basic data.
- 3. The general policies and administrative procedures that are to govern the disbursement of and accounting for funds, the incurrence of obligations, the purchase, use, inventory, control and disposition of property and other administrative matters, shall be determined jointly by the Chairman and the Director.

- 4. The books and records relating to the cooperative program shall be open at all times for examination by authorized representatives of the Government of the Union of Burma and the Government of the United States of America. The Chairman and the Director shall jointly render an annual report of their activities to the two Governments, and other reports at such intervals as may be appropriate.
- 5. Any power conferred by this Agreement upon the Chairman and the Director may be delegated by either of them to any of his respective assistants, provided each such delegation is satisfactory to the other. Such delegation shall not limit the right of the Chairman and the Director to refer any matter directly to one another for discussion and decision.

Article V

RIGHTS AND EXEMPTIONS

Supplies, equipment and materials contributed by the Government of the United States of America, either directly or by contract with a public organization, shall be admitted into the Union of Burma free of any customs and import duties.

Article VI

ENTRY INTO FORCE AND DURATION

This Agreement shall enter into force on the date stated in the last paragraph of this Agreement and shall remain in force until three months after either Government shall have given notice in writing to the other of intention to terminate it, provided, however, that the obligations of the parties under this Agreement for the period after June 30, 1953, shall be subject to the availability of appropriations to both parties for the purpose of the program and to the further agreement of the parties pursuant to Article III, Paragraph 4 hereof.

Done in duplicate, this 24th day of October, 1952, at Washington, D. C

Frank N. TRAGER
United States Director of Technical Cooperation in Burma
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Chairman, Burma Economic Aid Committee

List of Projects to be Included in Technical Cooperation Program for Period Ending June 30, 1953

Projects Estimate Dollar Co	
Agricultural Research	00
New Medical Center (including National and Regional Medical Care, Medical Education and Nurse Training)	00
Manufacture of Biologics and Pharmaceuticals	00
Engineering, Technical and Artisan Education	
Agricultural College	
Agricultural Extension (national and in the several states)	
Rice Milling and Storage	000
Irrigation and Flood Control	000
Insect and Plant Disease Control	
Rural Credit, Land Tenure and Land Classification	
Cottage Industries using Agricultural Products	
Seed Improvement and Distribution	
Elementary and Secondary Education (including scientific education) 266,0	000
Community and Adult Education	000
Audio-visual Program	000
Industry and Trade	000
Transportation and Public Works	
Miscellaneous)00