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and
LEBANON**

**Agreement on economic and technical co-operation (with
exchange of letters). Signed at Beirut, on 4 November
1955**

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**Accord de coopération économique et technique (avec
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Texte officiel français.

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[TRANSLATION — TRADUCTION]

No. 3840. AGREEMENT¹ ON ECONOMIC AND TECHNICAL
CO-OPERATION BETWEEN THE ITALIAN REPUBLIC
AND THE LEBANESE REPUBLIC. SIGNED AT BEIRUT,
ON 4 NOVEMBER 1955

The Government of the Italian Republic and the Government of the Lebanese Republic, desirous of strengthening and developing their economic relations, with due regard to their mutual interests, have agreed on the following provisions :

Article 1

The Government of the Italian Republic, with a view to contributing to the development of the economy of Lebanon, in particular by the development of its resources and the expansion of its productive capacity and foreign trade, will facilitate on the general conditions set out below, the implementation of a programme of economic and technical co-operation in Lebanon covering both the public and the private sectors.

Article 2

In order to carry out the programme referred to in article 1, the Government of the Italian Republic will, on the application of the Italian enterprises concerned, authorize Italian enterprises to furnish Lebanese agricultural and industrial enterprises which so desire with capital equipment, payment for which may be made within a period of up to four years. In certain cases, the four-year limit may be extended.

Orders for capital equipment placed in Italy under this Agreement will be eligible for insurance under the State credit insurance scheme in accordance with the provisions of the Italian legislation in force.

Lebanese buyers and Italian suppliers will initiate preliminary studies and the preparation of supply contracts in liaison with, and with the guarantee of, their respective banks.

Article 3

The Government of the Italian Republic undertakes to facilitate the provision of technical assistance to Lebanon, with a view to the modernization of indus-

¹ Came into force on 11 September 1956, five days after the deposit in Rome, on 6 September 1956, of the Lebanese instrument of ratification, in accordance with article 9.

try and the improvement of agriculture, transport and tourism, including the permanent or temporary assignment of Italian patents and, if necessary, the employment in Lebanon of Italian technicians.

Article 4

The Government of the Italian Republic will promote the establishment in Lebanon of joint Lebanese-Italian companies or branches of Italian companies for the development of Lebanese agricultural and industrial production and for the organization of transport and the expansion of tourism.

It will also encourage Italian firms to undertake the execution of major national equipment projects in Lebanon or parts of such projects, and will promote the organization with Italian technical assistance of Lebanese enterprises and institutions serving the public interest.

The Italian authorities will examine, on an individual basis and in a spirit of friendly co-operation, the problems arising in connexion with such projects, particularly with regard to the possibility of affording payment facilities over a period of several years for their execution, depending on the character and scope of the projects in question.

Article 5

The projects to be carried out by Italian enterprises for the account of the Lebanese State will be the subject of separate protocols on the basis of this Agreement, and the necessary guarantees in connexion with their execution will be furnished by the Lebanese Government or the organs designated by it.

Article 6

With a view to facilitating the implementation of the programme of economic and technical co-operation provided for in this Agreement, a Mixed Commission will be established, consisting of representatives of the two Governments, who may be temporarily assisted by Lebanese and Italian experts.

The Mixed Commission will meet at the request of either Government whenever necessary to consider the projects prepared under this Agreement; it will be accorded the co-operation of all the government departments of both States, and will submit to the two Governments duly documented recommendations regarding projects to be carried out, the investment required and payment arrangements.

The Mixed Commission will promote the exchange of ideas and technical information between the two countries, in particular by organizing training periods and extended visits in Italy for Lebanese technical personnel and for Italian personnel in Lebanon.

Article 7

Italian enterprises engaged in operations under this Agreement will enjoy all the advantages provided by the Lebanese legislation in force.

Article 8

This Agreement shall remain in force for one year and shall be renewable by tacit agreement. It may be denounced by either of the Contracting Parties three months before its expiry.

If it is so denounced, contracts already signed and guarantees already furnished on the basis of the Agreement shall remain valid until the contracts have been fully executed.

Article 9

This Agreement shall enter into force five days after the deposit in Rome of the Lebanese instrument of ratification.

DONE at Beirut in two copies, in French, on 4 November 1955.

For the Government
of the Italian Republic :

Raffaële FERRETTI

For the Government
of the Lebanese Republic :

Salim LAHOUD

EXCHANGE OF LETTERS

I

Beirut, 4 November 1955

Your Excellency,

With reference to the Agreement on economic and technical co-operation between Italy and Lebanon signed this day,¹ I have the honour to inform you, with regard to the promotion of the establishment in Lebanon of joint Lebanese-Italian companies for the organization of transport, as provided in the first paragraph of article 4 of the Agreement, that the Italian Government wishes to make it clear that the formation of such companies is subject, in so far as maritime transport is concerned, to the prior approval of the competent Italian maritime authorities.

I should be grateful if you would confirm your Government's agreement to the foregoing.

¹ See p. 149 of this volume.

I have the honour to be, etc.

Raffaele FERRETTI

His Excellency Mr. Salim Lahoud
Minister of Foreign Affairs
Beirut

II

Beirut, 4 November 1955

Your Excellency,

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your note of this day's date, reading as follows :

[See letter I]

I have the honour to confirm my Government's agreement to the contents of this note.

I have the honour to be, etc.

Salim LAHOUD

His Excellency Raffaele Ferretti
Minister Plenipotentiary
Chairman of the Italian Economic Delegation
Beirut