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No. 6237. GENERAL AGREEMENT¹ FOR A PROGRAMME OF SCIENTIFIC CO-OPERATION IN THE FIELD OF BIO-MEDICINE BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA REPRESENTED BY THE NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH AND PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF GHANA REPRESENTED BY THE NATIONAL RESEARCH COUNCIL OF GHANA. SIGNED AT ACCRA, ON 3 JANUARY 1962

WHEREAS discussions have been held by representatives of the National Institutes of Health of the United States of America and the National Research Council of Ghana concerning scientific and technical co-operation which may extend to other services or representatives designated by the Governments of the United States of America and Ghana :

AND WHEREAS the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Republic of Ghana desire by mutual agreement and in a spirit of friendly co-operation between the two Governments to establish collaboration in research and training in Bio-Medicine within the framework of the National Institute of Health in Ghana

NOW THEREFORE it is agreed as follows :

1. The National Institutes of Health, Public Health Service (hereinafter referred to as "The Institutes of Health") acting on behalf of the Government of the United States of America will undertake to establish scientific field units in collaboration with the National Institute of Health and Medical Research of the National Research Council of Ghana (hereinafter referred to as "The Council") acting on behalf of the Government of the Republic of Ghana. The scientific field units of the Institutes of Health will provide research personnel trained in bio-medical sciences to study bio-medical problems in Ghana which are immediately necessary for alleviating the burden of ill-health of the people of Ghana and other parts of Africa and which are of mutual interest to the Government of Ghana and the Government of the United States of America.

¹ Came into force on 3 January 1962 by signature.

2. For research and training the scientific field units of the Institutes of Health will co-operate in the mutual exchange of technical knowledge and skills between its scientific personnel and those representing the Council.

3. The Institutes of Health will provide through its budget transport and research equipment and supplies not available in Ghana for use by its scientific and technical staff. Utilization of this equipment for collaborative studies will be arranged by consultation of scientific and technical personnel involved. Equipment, materials and supplies which may be furnished or financed by the Government of the United States for use in connection with research projects in Ghana shall be exempted by the Government of Ghana from any taxes, duties or other charges.

4. The National Research Council will provide research space and facilities, utilities, access to local clinical and other research resources and housing at reasonable rentals for scientific and technical personnel as agreed for the successful collaborative conduct of bio-medical research in Ghana. The National Research Council shall have the privilege of applying for research and training grants from the National Institutes of Health through their usual mechanisms.

5. As a preliminary measure a technical plan will be developed by representatives of the Institutes of Health and the Council to serve as the basis for the collaborative research programme. The preliminary plan calls for the Institutes of Health to provide through its budget five to seven scientists supported by twenty to twenty-five technologists and appropriate administrative personnel under the supervision of the head of the American contingent of the Scientific Field Unit of the Institutes of Health. The head of the American contingent will be expected to serve as the principal liaison with the Director of the National Institute of Health and Medical Research and the National Research Council of Ghana. Technical and scientific co-operation between the Council and the Institutes of Health will be effected through the mutually agreed upon scientific plan to be evolved.

6. The Government of Ghana will exempt the representatives of the Institutes of Health and their Ex-patriate staff from income tax as to all income derived from their work as representatives of the Institutes of Health and from sources outside Ghana, from social security taxes and from all other taxes, charges and fees except (a) purchase taxes or other charges and fees included in the prices of goods or services thereon (b) licence fees; and will accord the representatives of the Institutes of Health and their Ex-patriate staff the same treatment with respect to the payment of customs, import, export and all other duties, fees and charges on personal property, equipment and supplies imported into Ghana for their use as it is accorded to personnel of comparable rank and grade of the Embassy of the United States of America, in Ghana.

7. Appropriate representatives of the Government of Ghana and of the Government of the United States of America may conclude from time to time such further arrangements and subsidiary agreements with respect to specific collaborative research arrangements of the Council and of the Institutes of Health as appear necessary and desirable.

8. All or any part of the collaborative research programme provided herein may be terminated by either Government if that Government determines that because of changed conditions the continuation of such a programme or some part of it is unnecessary or undesirable.

9. Termination of projects should become effective after six months of written notice of intention, by either side, to do so.

DONE at Accra this Third day of January 1962.

For the Government
of the United States
of America :

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