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No. 6646. GENERAL AGREEMENT¹ FOR ECONOMIC, TECHNICAL AND RELATED ASSISTANCE BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND THE GOVERNMENT OF COSTA RICA. SIGNED AT SAN JOSÉ, ON 22 DECEMBER 1961

WHEREAS the Government of the United States of America and the Government of Costa Rica desire to join in an Alliance for Progress based upon self-help, mutual effort and common sacrifice, designed to help satisfy the wants of the people of Latin America for better homes, work, land, health and schools, and

WHEREAS the Act of Bogotá² recommended that there should be established an Inter-American program for social development directed to carrying out measures for improving rural living, land use, housing, community facilities, educational systems, training facilities, and public health, and for the mobilization of domestic resources, and

WHEREAS the Government of the United States of America and the Government of Costa Rica agree upon the need for specific plans of action designed to foster economic progress and improvements in the welfare and level of living of all peoples of Latin America, and

WHEREAS the Government of the United States of America intends to furnish such economic, technical and related assistance to the Latin American countries participating in the Alliance for Progress as may be requested by them and approved by the Government of the United States of America in the light of the resources available to it and of the programs and self-help measures provided for in the Act of Bogotá ;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Government of the United States of America and the Government of Costa Rica hereby agree as follows :

Article I

To assist the Government of Costa Rica in its national development and in its efforts to achieve economic and social progress through effective use of its own resources and other measures of self-help, the Government of the United States of America will furnish such economic, technical and related assistance as may hereafter

¹ Came into force on 7 September 1962, the date of the communication by which the Government of Costa Rica notified the Government of the United States of America that it had ratified the Agreement, in accordance with the provisions of article VI.

² United States of America : *Department of State Bulletin*, 3 October 1960, p. 537.

be requested by representatives of appropriate agencies of the Government of Costa Rica and approved by representatives of the agency or agencies designated by the Government of the United States of America to administer its responsibilities hereunder. Such assistance shall be made available in accordance with written arrangements agreed upon between the above-mentioned representatives.

Article II

To foster its economic and social progress, the Government of Costa Rica will make the full contribution permitted by its resources and general economic condition to its development program and to programs and operations related thereto, including those conducted pursuant to this Agreement, and will give full information to the people of Costa Rica concerning programs and operations hereunder. The Government of Costa Rica will take appropriate steps to insure the effective use of assistance furnished pursuant to this Agreement and will afford every opportunity and facility to representatives of the Government of the United States of America to observe and review programs and operations conducted under this Agreement and will furnish whatever information they may need to determine the nature and scope of operations planned or carried out and to evaluate results.

Article III

The Government of Costa Rica will receive a special mission and its personnel to discharge the responsibilities of the Government of the United States of America hereunder and will consider this special mission and its personnel as part of the diplomatic mission of the Government of the United States of America in Costa Rica for the purpose of receiving the privileges and immunities accorded to that mission and its personnel of comparable rank.

Article IV

In order to assure the maximum benefits to the people of Costa Rica from the assistance to be furnished hereunder :

- (a) Property or funds used or to be used in connection with this Agreement by the Government of the United States of America or any contractor financed by that Government shall be exempt from any taxes on ownership or use and any other taxes, investment or deposit requirements, and currency controls in Costa Rica and the import, export, acquisition, use or disposition of any such property or funds in connection with this Agreement shall be exempt from any tariffs, customs duties, import and export taxes, taxes on purchase or disposition and any other taxes or similar charges in Costa Rica.

- (b) All persons, except citizens or permanent residents of Costa Rica, who are present therein to perform work pursuant to this Agreement, shall be exempt from income and social security taxes levied under the laws of Costa Rica, and from taxes on the purchase, ownership, use or disposition of personal movable property (including automobiles) intended for their own use. Such persons and members of their families shall receive the same treatment with respect to the payment of customs and import and export duties on personal movable property (including automobiles) imported into Costa Rica for their own use, as is accorded by the Government of Costa Rica to diplomatic personnel of the American Embassy in Costa Rica.

Article V

Fund used for purposes of furnishing assistance hereunder shall be convertible into currency of Costa Rica at the rate providing the largest number of units of such currency per U.S. dollar which, at the time conversion is made, is not unlawful in Costa Rica.

Article VI

1. This Agreement shall enter into force on the date of the communication by which the Government of Costa Rica notifies the Government of the United States of America that it has been ratified and shall remain in force until 90 days after the date of the communication by which either Government gives written notification to the other of its intention to terminate it. In such event, the provisions of this Agreement shall remain in full force and effect with respect to assistance furnished pursuant to this Agreement before such termination.

2. All or any part of the program of assistance provided hereunder may, except as may otherwise be provided arrangements agreed upon pursuant to Article I hereof, be terminated by either Government if that Government determines that because of changed conditions the continuation of such assistance is unnecessary or undesirable. The termination of such assistance under this provision may include the termination of deliveries of any commodities hereunder not yet delivered.

3. The furnishing of assistance under this Agreement shall be subject to the applicable laws and regulations of the Government of the United States of America, and the receipt of such assistance by the Government of Costa Rica shall be subject to the applicable laws and regulations of the Government of Costa Rica.

4. The two Government or their designated representatives shall, upon request of either of them consult regarding any matter on the application, operation or amendment of this Agreement.

5. Upon its entry into force, this Agreement will supersede the Point IV General Agreement for Technical Cooperation between the United States of America and the Republic of Costa Rica signed at San José, Costa Rica on the eleventh of January 1951¹ as extended and amended by an exchange of notes at San José, December 19 and 20, 1951.² Arrangements or agreements implementing the above-mentioned Agreement, as amended and concluded prior to the entry into force of this Agreement shall, from such date of entry into force, be subject to this Agreement.

DONE in San José, Costa Rica on the twenty-second day of December, nineteen hundred and sixty-one in the English and Spanish languages.

For the Government
of the United States of America :

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¹ United Nations, *Treaty Series*, Vol. 92, p. 179.

² United Nations, *Treaty Series*, Vol. 140, p. 439.