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**WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION  
and  
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**Basic Agreement for the provision of technical advisory  
assistance. Signed at Damascus, on 18 November 1962**

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**ORGANISATION MONDIALE DE LA SANTÉ  
et  
RÉPUBLIQUE ARABE SYRIENNE**

**Accord de base concernant la fourniture d'une assistance  
technique de caractère consultatif. Signé à Damas, le  
18 novembre 1962**

*Texte officiel français.*

*Enregistré par l'Organisation mondiale de la santé le 11 novembre 1963.*

[TRANSLATION<sup>1</sup> — TRADUCTION<sup>2</sup>]

No. 6972. BASIC AGREEMENT<sup>3</sup> BETWEEN THE WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE SYRIAN ARAB REPUBLIC FOR THE PROVISION OF TECHNICAL ADVISORY ASSISTANCE. SIGNED AT DAMASCUS, ON 18 NOVEMBER 1962

The World Health Organization (hereinafter referred to as “the Organization”); and

The Government of the Syrian Arab Republic (hereinafter referred to as “the Government”),

Desiring to give effect to the resolutions and decisions of the United Nations and of the Organization relating to technical advisory assistance, and to obtain mutual agreement concerning the purpose and scope of each project and the responsibilities which shall be assumed and the services which shall be provided by the Government and the Organization;

Declaring that their mutual responsibilities shall be fulfilled in a spirit of friendly co-operation,

Have agreed as follows :

*Article I*

FURNISHING OF TECHNICAL ADVISORY ASSISTANCE

1. The Organization shall render technical advisory assistance to the Government, subject to budgetary limitation or the availability of the necessary funds. The Organization and the Government shall co-operate in arranging, on the basis of the requests received from the Government and approved by the Organization, mutually agreeable plans of operation for the carrying out of the technical advisory assistance.
2. Such technical advisory assistance shall be furnished and received in accordance with the relevant resolutions and decisions of the World Health Assembly, the Executive Board and other organs of the Organization.
3. Such technical advisory assistance may consist of :

<sup>1</sup> Translation by the World Health Organization.

<sup>2</sup> Traduction de l'Organisation mondiale de la santé.

<sup>3</sup> Came into force on 22 September 1963, upon notification of its ratification by the Government of the Syrian Arab Republic, in accordance with the provisions of article VI (1).

- (a) Making available the services of advisers in order to render advice and assistance to or through the Government;
- (b) Organizing and conducting seminars, training programmes, demonstration projects, expert working groups and related activities in such places as may be mutually agreed;
- (c) Awarding scholarships and fellowships or making other arrangements under which candidates nominated by the Government and approved by the Organization shall study or receive training outside the country;
- (d) Preparing and executing pilot projects, tests, experiments or research in such places as may be mutually agreed upon;
- (e) Providing any other form of technical advisory assistance which may be agreed upon by the Organization and the Government.

4. (a) Advisers who are to render advice and assistance to or through 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 advisers shall act in close consultation with the Government and with persons or bodies so authorized by the Government, and shall comply with instructions from the Government as may be appropriate to the nature of their duties and the assistance to be given and as may be mutually agreed upon between the Organization and the Government;

(c) the advisers shall, in the course of their advisory work, make every effort to instruct any technical staff the Government may associate with them, in their professional methods, techniques and practices, and in the principles on which these are based.

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 in accordance with the policies determined by the World Health Assembly and existing at the date of transfer.

6. The Government shall be responsible for dealing with any claims which may be brought by third parties against the Organization and its advisers, agents and employees and shall hold harmless the Organization and its advisers, agents and employees in case of any claims or liabilities resulting from operations under this Agreement, except where it is agreed by the Government and the Organization that such claims or liabilities arise from the gross negligence or wilful misconduct of such advisers, agents or employees.

*Article II*CO-OPERATION OF THE GOVERNMENT CONCERNING  
TECHNICAL ADVISORY ASSISTANCE

1. The Government shall do everything in its power to ensure the effective use of the technical advisory assistance provided.
2. The Government and the Organization shall consult together regarding the publication, as appropriate, of any findings and reports of advisers that may prove of benefit to other countries and to the Organization.
3. The Government shall actively collaborate with the Organization in the furnishing and compilation of findings, data, statistics and such other information as will enable the Organization to analyse and evaluate the results of the programmes of technical advisory assistance.

*Article III*

## ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS OF THE ORGANIZATION

1. The Organization shall defray, in full or in part, as may be mutually agreed upon, the costs necessary to the technical advisory assistance which are payable outside the country, as follows :
  - (a) The salaries and subsistence (including duty travel per diem) of the advisers;
  - (b) The costs of transportation of the advisers during their travel to and from the point of entry into the country;
  - (c) The cost of any other travel outside the country;
  - (d) Insurance of the advisers;
  - (e) Purchase and transport to and from the point of entry into the country of any equipment or supplies provided by the Organization.
  - (f) any other expenses outside the country approved by the Organization.
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 advisory 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) Equipment and supplies produced within the country;
  - (d) Transportation of personnel, supplies and equipment for official purposes within the country;
  - (e) Postage and telecommunications for official purposes;
  - (f) Facilities for receiving medical care and hospitalization by the international personnel.
2. The Government shall defray such portion of the expenses to be paid outside the country as are not covered by the Organization, and as may be mutually agreed upon.
3. In appropriate cases the Government shall put at the disposal of the Organization such labour, equipment, supplies and other services or property as may be needed for the execution of its work and as may be mutually agreed upon.

#### *Article V*

##### FACILITIES, PRIVILEGES AND IMMUNITIES

1. The Government, insofar as it is not already bound to do so, shall apply to the Organization, its staff, funds, properties and assets the appropriate provisions of the Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the Specialized Agencies.<sup>1</sup>
2. Staff of the Organization, including advisers engaged by it as members of the staff assigned to carry out the purposes of this Agreement, shall be deemed to be officials within the meaning of the above Convention. This Convention shall also apply to any WHO representative appointed to the Syrian Arab Republic who shall be afforded the treatment provided for under Section 21 of the said Convention.

#### *Article VI*

1. This Basic Agreement shall enter into force upon notification of its ratification by the duly authorized representatives of the Government.
2. This new Basic Agreement shall supersede and replace the Basic Agreement signed on 26 November 1960<sup>2</sup> between the Organization and the Government

<sup>1</sup> See footnote 1, p. 316 of this volume.

<sup>2</sup> United Nations, *Treaty Series*, Vol. 385, p. 3.

of the United Arab Republic in so far as it concerns the Government of the Syrian Arab Republic.

3. This Basic Agreement 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.
4. This Basic Agreement may be terminated by either party upon written notice to the other party and shall terminate 60 days after receipt of such notice.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the undersigned, duly appointed representatives of the Organization and the Government respectively, have, on behalf of the Parties, signed the present Agreement in three copies in the French language.

At Damascus, on 18 November 1962

For the Government of the  
Syrian Arab Republic :

(Signed) Dr. Nabil EL TAWIL  
Minister of Health  
and Social Welfare

For the World Health  
Organization :

(Signed) A. H. TABA, M.D.  
Regional Director