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No. 7146. AGREEMENT<sup>1</sup> BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND THE IMPERIAL GOVERNMENT OF IRAN FOR FINANCING CERTAIN EDUCATIONAL EXCHANGE PROGRAMS. SIGNED AT TEHRAN, ON 24 OCTOBER 1963

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The Government of the United States of America and the Imperial Government of Iran :

Desiring to promote further mutual understanding between the peoples of the United States of America and Iran by a wider exchange of knowledge and professional talents through educational contacts;

Have agreed as follows :

*Article 1*

There shall be established a Commission to be known as the United States Commission for Cultural Exchange between Iran and the United States (hereinafter designated " the Commission "), which shall be recognized by the Government of the United States of America and the Imperial Government of Iran as an organization created and established to facilitate the administration of an educational program to be financed by funds made available to the Commission by the Government of the United States of America.

Except as provided in Article 3 hereof, the Commission shall be exempt from the domestic and local laws of the United States of America as they relate to the use and expenditure of the funds for the purposes set forth in the present Agreement. With regard to the funds and credits, and property acquired by the Commission in furtherance of the purposes set forth in the present Agreement, the Imperial Government of Iran will make available all facilities needed by the Commission for its successful operation; and, in any event, will accord treatment not less favorable than the treatment accorded to similar foreign institutions in Iran.

The funds made available by the Government of the United States of America under the present Agreement, within the conditions and limitations hereinafter set forth, shall be used by the Commission or such other instrumentality as may be agreed upon by the Government of the United States of America and the Imperial Government of Iran for the following purposes :

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<sup>1</sup> Came into force on 24 October 1963, upon signature, in accordance with article 12.

1. Financing studies, research, instruction, and other educational activities (i) of or for citizens and nationals of the United States of America in Iran, and (ii) of or for nationals of Iran in American schools and institutions of learning located in or outside the United States of America; and
2. Financing visits and interchanges between the United States of America and Iran of students, trainees, teachers, instructors, and professors; and
3. Financing such other related educational and cultural programs and activities as are provided for in budgets approved in accordance with Article 3 hereof.

### *Article 2*

In furtherance of the aforementioned purposes the Commission may, subject to the provisions of the present Agreement, exercise all powers necessary to the carrying out of the purposes of this Agreement, including the following :

1. Authorize the Treasurer of the Commission or such other person as the Commission may designate to open and operate bank accounts in the Bank Melli Iran in the name of the Commission. The appointment of the treasurer or such designee shall be approved by the Secretary of State.

2. Authorize the disbursement of funds and the making of grants and advances of funds for the approved purposes of this Agreement, including payment for transportation, tuition, maintenance and other expenses incident thereto.

3. Plan, adopt and carry out programs in accordance with the purposes of the present Agreement.

4. Acquire, hold, and dispose of property in the name of the Commission as the Commission may consider necessary or desirable, provided, however, that the acquisition of any real property shall be subject to the prevailing rules and regulations of the Imperial Government of Iran and prior approval of the Secretary of State.

5. Recommend to the Board of Foreign Scholarships of the United States of America, students, trainees, professors, research scholars, teachers, and instructors, resident in Iran, and institutions of Iran qualified to participate in the programs.

6. Recommend to the aforesaid Board of Foreign Scholarships such qualifications for the selection of participants in the programs as it may deem necessary for achieving the purpose and objectives of this Agreement.

7. Provide for periodic audits of the accounts of the Commission as directed by the auditors selected by the Secretary of State.

8. Engage an Executive Officer, and administrative and clerical staff, and fix and pay the salaries and wages thereof and incur other administrative expenses as may be deemed necessary out of the funds made available.

9. Administer or assist in administering or otherwise facilitate educational and cultural programs and activities that further the purposes of the present Agreement but are not financed by funds made available under this Agreement, provided, however, that such programs and activities and the Commission's role therein shall be fully described in annual or special reports made to the Secretary of State and to the Imperial Government of Iran as provided in Article 6 hereof, and provided that no objection is interposed by either the Secretary of State or the Imperial Government of Iran to the Commission's actual or proposed role therein.

### *Article 3*

All commitments, obligations and expenditures authorized by the Commission shall be made in accordance with an annual budget, to be approved by the Secretary of State.

### *Article 4*

The Commission shall consist of eight members, four of whom shall be citizens of Iran and the other four citizens of the United States of America, and they shall serve one year, and shall be eligible for reappointment. The principal officer in charge of the Diplomatic Mission of the United States of America to Iran shall be honorary chairman of the Commission. He shall have the power of appointment and removal of the American members, and may cast the deciding vote in case of a tie. The Iranian members on the Commission shall be appointed and designated by the Iranian Ministry of Education. A chairman with voting power shall be selected by the Commission from among its members. Meetings of the Commission shall not be considered valid unless at least two Iranian members are present. The members shall serve without compensation but the Commission may authorize the payment of the necessary expenses of the members in attending the meetings of the Commission. Vacancies created by reason of transfer, resignation, or otherwise, shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointment.

### *Article 5*

The Commission shall adopt such rules and appoint such committees as it shall deem necessary for the conduct of its affairs.

*Article 6*

Reports, prepared in a form and with a content which conform to the regulations prescribed by the Secretary of State, shall be submitted annually on the activities of the Commission, to the Iranian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Secretary of State. Special reports may be made more often at the discretion of the Commission or at the request of either the Iranian Ministry of Foreign Affairs or the Secretary of State.

*Article 7*

The principal office of the Commission shall be in Tehran but meetings of the Commission and any of its committees may be held in such other places as the Commission may from time to time determine and the activities of any of the Commission's officers or staff may be carried on at such places as may be approved by the Commission.

*Article 8*

The Government of the United States of America and the Imperial Government of Iran agree that there may be used for the purposes of this Agreement any funds, including the equivalent of not less than \$600,000 in the currency of Iran, held or available for expenditure by the Government of the United States of America for such purposes.

The performance of this Agreement shall be subject to the availability of appropriations to the Secretary of State when required by the laws of the United States of America.

*Article 9*

Whenever in the present Agreement the term "Secretary of State" is used, it shall be understood to mean the Secretary of State of the United States of America or any officer or employee of the Government of the United States of America designated by him to act in his behalf.

*Article 10*

The present Agreement may be amended by the exchange of diplomatic notes between the Government of the United States of America and the Imperial Government of Iran.

*Article 11*

The Government of the United States of America and the Imperial Government of Iran shall make every effort to facilitate the carrying out of the present Agreement and to resolve the problems which may arise in the operation thereof.

United States citizens employed by the Commission, United States grantees engaged in educational and cultural activities and accompanying members of

their families shall be exempt from Iranian income taxes, duties or other charges as follows :

A. The Commission shall be entitled to import up to three vehicles which shall be exempt from customs duties and other taxes for three years. Should the Commission, after the expiration of the above-mentioned period, decide to sell such vehicles it should pay the due taxes and customs duties at the current rate.

B. The Commission may import free from customs duties, directly or indirectly, needed cigarettes, alcoholic liquors and foodstuffs in such quantity as authorized for a head of Diplomatic Mission, as determined by the Protocol Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

C. United States citizens employed by the Commission and United States grantees, as well as the accompanying members of their families, shall be exempt from income taxes and other similar taxes with respect of salaries and allowances received from the funds of the Commission. Income derived from any other Iranian source shall be subject to current Iranian rules and regulations.

D. United States citizens employed by the Commission and United States grantees shall not need work permits to obtain or renew residence permits.

### *Article 12*

The present Agreement supersedes the Agreement between the Government of the United States of America and the Imperial Government of Iran signed at Tehran on September 1, 1949, as amended.<sup>1</sup>

The present Agreement shall come into force upon the date of signature.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the undersigned plenipotentiaries, being duly authorized by their respective Governments, have signed the present Agreement.

DONE this 24th day of October, 1963, in duplicate at Tehran, in the English and Persian languages, both texts being equally authentic.

For the Government  
of the United States of America :

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Ambassador of the United States  
of America  
Tehran

For the Imperial Government  
of Iran :

A. ARAM  
Minister of Foreign Affairs

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<sup>1</sup> United Nations, *Treaty Series*, Vol. 79, p. 155; Vol. 303, p. 308, and Vol. 416, p. 306.