

No. 7559

**CAMBODIA, LAOS, THAILAND and REPUBLIC
OF VIET-NAM
and
NETHERLANDS**

Agreement concerning the Netherlands' contribution to the Committee for the Co-ordination of Investigations of the Lower Mekong Basin. Signed at Bangkok, on 6 and 18 September and 14 October 1963, at Vientiane, on 5 October 1963, at Phnom Penh, on 18 October 1963, and at Saigon, on 19 October 1963

Official texts: English and French.

Registered by the Netherlands on 29 January 1965.

**CAMBODGE, LAOS, THAÏLANDE et RÉPUBLIQUE
DU VIET-NAM
et
PAYS-BAS**

Accord concernant la contribution néerlandaise au Comité pour la coordination des études sur le bassin inférieur du Mékong. Signé à Bangkok, les 6 et 18 septembre et 14 octobre 1963, à Vientiane, le 5 octobre 1963, à Phnom-penh, le 18 octobre 1963, et à Saigon, le 19 octobre 1963

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Enregistré par les Pays-Bas le 29 janvier 1965.

No. 7559. AGREEMENT¹ BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENTS OF CAMBODIA, LAOS, THAILAND AND VIETNAM AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE KINGDOM OF THE NETHERLANDS CONCERNING THE NETHERLANDS' CONTRIBUTION TO THE COMMITTEE FOR THE CO-ORDINATION OF INVESTIGATIONS OF THE LOWER MEKONG BASIN. SIGNED AT BANGKOK, ON 6 AND 18 SEPTEMBER AND 14 OCTOBER 1963, AT VIENTIANE, ON 5 OCTOBER 1963, AT PHNOM PENH, ON 18 OCTOBER 1963, AND AT SAIGON, ON 19 OCTOBER 1963

The Governments of Cambodia, Laos, Thailand, and Vietnam (hereinafter referred to as "the four Governments"), on the one hand, and the Government of the Kingdom of the Netherlands, on the other hand ;

Desiring to perpetuate and consolidate the good relations existing between them ;

Giving effect to the intention of the Government of the Kingdom of the Netherlands, as announced during the Eighteenth Session, 6-19 March 1962, at Tokyo, of the United Nations Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East, to make a contribution to the Committee for the Coordination of Investigations of the Lower Mekong Basin, hereinafter called the Mekong Committee, and in view of the willingness of the Governments of Cambodia, Laos, Thailand, and Vietnam to accept such a contribution ;

Considering it desirable to establish, in joint consultation, some rules governing co-operation on the aforementioned contribution ;

Have agreed as follows :

Article 1

The Government of the Kingdom of the Netherlands shall put at the disposal of the four Governments together a sum totalling f 500,000 (five hundred thousand guilders). The Mekong Committee, created to act on behalf of the four Governments, shall determine, in consultation with the Government of the Kingdom of the Netherlands, and in accordance with the provisions contained in the following articles, how the sum shall be used.

¹ Came into force on 19 October 1963, the day on which it had been signed on behalf of each of the Contracting Parties, in accordance with article 7.

Article 2

The Mekong Committee shall be able to purchase goods in the Kingdom of the Netherlands to a total value of the sum mentioned in Article 1. Requests for contribution of goods will be submitted by the Executive Agent of the Mekong Committee to the Netherlands Ministry of Foreign Affairs, represented for this purpose by the Permanent Representative of the Kingdom of the Netherlands with the Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East in Bangkok.

Article 3

Payments for goods contributed by the Government of the Kingdom of the Netherlands shall be made by the Netherlands Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Article 4

The goods purchased shall become the joint property of the four Governments at the moment of their delivery to the Mekong Committee, which shall furnish the Netherlands Ministry of Foreign Affairs with a signed receipt for each delivery.

Article 5

It is understood that all goods contributed by the Government of the Kingdom of the Netherlands will be used for Mekong Committee Projects only.

Article 6

The four Governments give an undertaking that the goods contributed by the Government of the Kingdom of the Netherlands as stipulated above shall be imported, for specific use as defined above, into any of the four countries, and transported between them, without payment of import or transit duties or taxes or similar impositions.

Article 7

This Agreement shall enter into force on the day on which it has been signed on behalf of each of the five Contracting Parties.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the undersigned duly authorized thereto by their respective Governments, have signed this Agreement.

DONE in five identical copies, in the English and French languages, both texts being equally authentic.

Government of Cambodia :

PHLEK CHHAT

Phnom Penh, 18 October 1963

Government of Thailand :

B. BINSON

Bangkok, 18 September 1963

Government of Laos :

PHOUANGSKEOH PHANARETH

Vientiane, 5 October 1963

Government of Vietnam :

TRINH-NGOC-SANH

Saigon, 19 October 1963

For the Government of the Kingdom of the Netherlands :

A. F. CALKOEN

Bangkok, 6. IX. 1963

Executive Agent of the Committee for Coordination
of Investigations of the Lower Mekong Basin :

Hart SCHAAF

Bangkok, 14 October 1963