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Protocol of agreement concerning the French Institute of Oriental Archaeology at Cairo. Signed at Cairo on 19 March 1968

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Protocole d'accord relatif à l'Institut français d'archéologie orientale du Caire. Signé au Caire le 19 mars 1968

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PROTOCOL OF AGREEMENT¹ BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED ARAB REPUBLIC AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE FRENCH REPUBLIC CONCERNING THE FRENCH INSTITUTE OF ORIENTAL ARCHAEOLOGY AT CAIRO

The Government of the United Arab Republic and the Government of the French Republic,

Attaching particular importance to the role of the French Institute of Oriental Archaeology at Cairo, a scientific establishment under the authority of the French Ministry of Education,

Have agreed as follows:

Article 1

The French Institute of Oriental Archaeology is a French establishment which engages in scientific research. It has juridical personality. It is in possession of certain land and buildings, which are its property.

Article 2

The French Institute of Oriental Archaeology shall conduct scientific research in archaeology, in papyrology and in the study of the civilizations of the Pharaonic, Greek, Roman, Coptic and Islamic eras in Egypt. It shall provide young French scholars who have previously received theoretical training in France with the opportunity of acquiring direct practical knowledge in their specialized field.

Article 3

Within the scope of its purposes, the Institute shall admit researchers and scholars of French nationality, in accordance with the terms of its own regulations. It may also, by way of exception and provided that places are

¹ Came into force provisionally on 19 March 1968 by signature, and definitively on 17 October 1968, the date when each of the parties had notified the other of the fulfillment of the formalities required under its constitution, in accordance with article 9.

available, admit researchers of other nationalities, whose applications must be submitted to the Director of the Institute for his prior approval.

Article 4

The Director of the Institute shall be responsible for the administration of the establishment.

Article 5

The Institute shall bear full responsibility for the maintenance of its buildings and installations and for all its operating costs.

Article 6

The Director, administrative staff, visiting researchers or scholars and other French personnel of the French Institute of Oriental Archaeology shall be subject to the following régime:

(a) The Government of the United Arab Republic shall exempt from all customs duties and other charges, and from prohibitions on import and on re-export upon termination of mission, furniture and personal effects (including refrigerator, radio, gramophone, tape recorder, television, electrical household appliances, air-conditioner, photographic and cinematographic equipment) imported into its territory by the personnel referred to in article 6 of this Protocol within six months after assuming their functions, and by members of their families at the time of their arrival in the territory of the said State;

(b) The Government of the United Arab Republic shall, in particular, exempt such personnel from all customs duties, taxes and charges on the import of a motor vehicle (new or used) for their personal use; the said vehicle may be imported within a period of not more than six months after the arrival of such personnel in the United Arab Republic.

Where such personnel do not import a motor vehicle, they may within the same period of six months after their arrival purchase a vehicle which shall not be subject to the applicable customs duties or charges.

A motor vehicle imported or purchased in the manner aforesaid shall be subject to the applicable taxes and charges if it is resold in the United Arab Republic, unless the new owner is entitled to the same benefits.

(c) The Government of the United Arab Republic guarantees to the

personnel referred to in article 6 of this Protocol and their families, for the duration of their mission including travelling time, such privileges and immunities as are necessary to facilitate the performance of their functions. They shall, in particular, be entitled to the following immunities and privileges:

- (1) Freedom to enter and leave the territory of the United Arab Republic;
- (2) Exemption from work permits, and the issue of residence permits free of cost;
- (3) Immunity from jurisdiction in respect of acts performed by them during their mission;
- (4) Immunity from third-party liability, except in case of deliberate intent or gross negligence.

Article 7

Books and scientific and technical equipment for the Institute shall be admitted free of customs duty. The Egyptian authorities shall grant all administrative facilities for the distribution abroad of publications for which the Institute is responsible.

Article 8

The French Government shall do all in its power to facilitate the possible setting up and operation of an Egyptian research establishment to pursue in France purposes similar to those of the French Institute of Oriental Archaeology at Cairo.

Article 9

This Protocol of Agreement shall take effect provisionally from the date of signature. Each of the Parties shall notify the other when the formalities required under its constitution for the definitive entry into force of this Protocol have been completed.

Article 10

This Protocol of Agreement is concluded for a period of five years from the date of signature. It shall be extended by tacit agreement unless it is denounced six months before the expiry of the said period of five years. If extended, it may be denounced at any time by either of the two Parties,

such denunciation to take effect upon the expiry of a period of six months' notice.

DONE at Cairo, on 19 March 1968, in duplicate, in the French language.

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of the United Arab Republic:

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