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**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
and
ARGENTINA**

**Memorandum of Understanding on the control of dangerous
drugs and the unlawful traffic of the same. Signed
at Buenos Aires on 15 September 1972**

Authentic texts : English and Spanish.

Registered by the United States of America on 29 December 1972.

**ÉTATS-UNIS D'AMÉRIQUE
et
ARGENTINE**

**Mémorandum d'accord sur la répression de l'usage et du trafic
illicite des drogues nuisibles. Signé à Buenos Aires le
15 septembre 1972**

Textes authentiques : anglais et espagnol.

Enregistré par les États-Unis d'Amérique le 29 décembre 1972.

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING¹

Between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Republic of Argentina, as parties to the Single Convention of 1961 on Narcotic Drugs² and as signatories of the Amending Protocol of 1972,³ in conformity with existing international agreements on the control of dangerous drugs and the unlawful traffic of the same, agreement has been reached as follows :

One : To reaffirm their decision to cooperate with each other, and with other nations as well, in every possible way in the elimination of the unlawful use and the illicit traffic in and smuggling of narcotics and other dangerous drugs by means of the prevention, prohibition and suppression of same, providing for the swift apprehension and extradition, where appropriate, of persons so involved.

Two : To cooperate as signatories of the present Memorandum in all the related aspects of prevention, suppression, education, assistance and rehabilitation in regard to the illicit and improper use or the abuse of drugs.

Three : In order to carry out the terms of the two preceding paragraphs both parties shall establish an Argentine-United States Commission composed of an equal number of members representing each of the respective Governments. The Commission shall establish sub-committees or working groups as necessary in order to carry on the work of the Commission.

Four : The Commission shall be located in the city of Buenos Aires, Republic of Argentina and shall meet monthly, or as often as shall be mutually agreed.

Five : The cooperation referred to in paragraphs One and Two above shall consist of :

- the exchange of all pertinent information on the subject;
- the preparation and implementation of specific programs under Argentine leadership in accordance with the common objectives established in paragraphs One and Two above;
- the giving of support to the activities of the international organizations of the United Nations on this program and the participation in other multi-lateral programs for combatting the unlawful use of and illicit traffic in and smuggling of narcotics and dangerous drugs;

Specific programs of cooperation may involve : training, advice, special equipment, and other mutually agreed support.

Six : In carrying out the terms of this Memorandum, both parties shall provide all the necessary personnel and support needed to achieve successfully the objectives set forth in paragraphs One and Two and any agreed programs developed in accordance with paragraph Five of this Memorandum, subject to the availability of resources of both Governments. However, should any particular

¹ Came into force on 15 September 1972 by signature, in accordance with paragraph 8.

² United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 520, p. 151.

³ *Ibid.*, vol. 976, No. 1-14151.

program approved by the Argentine-United States Commission within the framework of this Memorandum be initiated, both parties pledge to endeavor to carry it out subject to the availability of resources previously assigned for the execution of same.

Seven : The signatories of the present Memorandum agree that the further definition and implementation of the cooperation referred to herein shall be decided by the Argentine-United States Commission and its sub-committees or working groups established in accordance with paragraph three above. These decisions shall be carried out exclusively by the competent authorities of the signatory state in whose territory they apply.

Eight : This Memorandum shall come into force as of the date of its signing.

DONE in the city of Buenos Aires, Capital of the Argentine Republic, on the fifteenth day of the month of September of the year 1972, in two originals in the English and Spanish languages, both texts being equally authentic.

For the United States of America :

[Signed]

JOHN DAVIS LODGE
Ambassador

For the Republic of Argentina :

[Signed]

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