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**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
and  
EGYPT**

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**ÉTATS-UNIS D'AMÉRIQUE  
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## AGREEMENT<sup>1</sup> BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE ARAB REPUBLIC OF EGYPT ON HEALTH COOPERATION

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The Government of the Arab Republic of Egypt and the Government of the United States of America,

Desiring to strengthen the friendly relations between the peoples of the Arab Republic of Egypt and of the United States of America,

Willing to further development of the established cooperation in the fields of public health between the two countries, and

Proceeding from the studies and discussions that took place between representatives of the two Governments in meetings of the Joint Working Group on Medical Cooperation in Cairo in October, 1974, and in Washington in July, 1975; and from the meetings and discussions that have taken place between specialists and experts from both sides;

Have agreed as follows:

### *Article I. PURPOSE AND IMPLEMENTATION*

1. The Government of the Arab Republic of Egypt (the A.R.E.) and the Government of the United States of America (the U.S.) (hereinafter referred to as the Parties) shall continue the development of a cooperative program between them, based on jointly agreed technical and fiscal plans in accordance with this Agreement. Cooperation under this Agreement shall be subject to the Parties' legal and administrative requirements and to the availability of appropriated funds.

2. In order to achieve the purposes of this Agreement, the Parties shall utilize a variety of resources. These may include, as appropriate, materials, facilities and health manpower provided by the A.R.E. within Egypt; and fellowships for training, equipment for research and other project areas, and funds as mutually agreed provided by the U.S.

3. The Parties shall utilize appropriate methods to accomplish the purposes of this Agreement, including exchange of information, sharing technical experts and consultants, conferences and training courses, in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement.

### *Article II. COORDINATION*

1. The Joint Working Group on Medical Cooperation, established pursuant to the Principles of Relations and Cooperation between Egypt and the U.S. signed on June 14, 1974,<sup>2</sup> shall be responsible for overseeing the implementation of this

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<sup>1</sup> Came into force provisionally on 28 October 1975 by signature, and definitively on 20 January 1976, the date of exchange of diplomatic notes by which the Parties informed each other of the completion of their constitutional procedures, in accordance with article XV.

<sup>2</sup> United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 967, p. 137.

Agreement. The Joint Working Group shall approve measures and programs for cooperation, designate the participating organizations responsible for the realization of these programs, and make recommendations as appropriate to the Parties.

2. The A.R.E. will designate an Undersecretary of Health, and the U.S. a person of comparable rank, to serve as coordinator for the purposes of this Agreement. The coordinators shall be responsible for the follow-up, evaluation and further development of bilateral cooperation between meetings of the Joint Working Group on Medical Cooperation.

3. The coordinators shall meet at least once annually, coordinating their actions with their respective embassies in Cairo and Washington. The date and place of their meetings shall be determined by agreement between them.

### *Article III. MEDICAL RESEARCH*

1. The Parties shall continue their support of existing medical research activities in fields of mutual agreement.

2. The Parties agree to establish a Sub-committee on Biomedical Research which will be responsible for policy development and the coordination of joint medical research activities. The Sub-committee will develop an annual plan of work which will specify the joint research projects agreed upon. The Sub-committee will develop an ongoing mechanism to provide for review and evaluation of collaborative research undertaken pursuant to this Agreement.

### *Article IV. SCHISTOSOMIASIS*

1. The Parties have agreed to co-sponsor with the World Health Organization and the United Nations Environment Program an International Conference on Schistosomiasis, which was held in Cairo in October 1975. This Conference endeavored to delineate strategies for controlling Schistosomiasis and the research needed to meet this end.

2. The Parties shall cooperate in the assessment of the problem of Schistosomiasis in Egypt.

3. The Parties shall cooperate in studying methods for control of the intermediate snail hosts carrying Schistosomiasis including toxicity studies of molluscicides, and in developing and improving methods for the diagnosis, treatment, prevention and control of Schistosomiasis. They will consult concerning these agreed cooperative programs, and will exchange relevant experiences.

4. The Parties agree that the primary goal of cooperation under this Article is to advance scientific knowledge for the control of Schistosomiasis in Egypt, but they recognize that a suitable model of action for other countries and international organizations in this complex field may result.

### *Article V. HEALTH MANPOWER DEVELOPMENT AND MEDICAL EDUCATION*

1. Both Parties shall cooperate in mapping the location of health manpower in Egypt, and in forecasting needs in the Egyptian health sector for qualified professional and auxiliary personnel.

2. The Parties shall study health manpower training facilities in both countries, including curricula and curriculum development, to identify facilities and curricula to support health manpower development. They shall cooperate in the development of Egyptian training capabilities to enhance the capacity to produce needed health personnel of appropriate quantity and quality.

3. The Parties shall cooperate in reviewing the need for upgrading of the major preventative and curative health units in Egypt so that such units may serve more efficiently as training centers for different categories of health personnel.

4. The Parties shall cooperate in the field of medical education. Experience and knowledge will be shared to review curricula, educational techniques, library service and other relevant subjects. Special emphasis will be given to strengthening curriculum development related to health administration, organization, planning, and health economics in educational and training courses for appropriate personnel in Egypt.

#### *Article VI. DRUGS AND MEDICAL SUPPLIES AND EQUIPMENT*

1. Both Parties shall exchange data and information about their respective facilities for research, production, quality control and marketing of drugs and medical supplies.

2. The Parties shall cooperate in reviewing manufacturing practices and procedures for quality control of drugs in Egypt, to permit the upgrading of such practices and procedures to levels consistent with currently accepted standards of technology.

3. The Parties shall organize training programs and seminars in Egypt for those working in the fields of pharmaceutical drug research, production and drug quality control.

4. The Parties shall encourage joint ventures in the production of drugs, medical supplies and equipment by facilitating communications between agencies and production firms in both countries, consistent with their respective laws and regulations.

#### *Article VII. SERA, VACCINES AND BIOLOGICAL PRODUCTS*

1. The Parties shall cooperate in the fields of sera, vaccines and biological products. Such cooperation shall concentrate on virus and bacterial vaccines, preventive and therapeutic sera, diagnostic antigens and sera, and plasma and other blood derivatives. Both Parties will cooperate in the development of studies related to immunity and sensitivity.

2. The Parties shall cooperate in reviewing techniques of experimental animal production and maintenance. Assistance will be provided to Egyptian experimental animal laboratories in order to further development and upgrading necessary to meet the needs of the Egyptian health sector.

#### *Article VIII. ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH*

1. The Parties shall cooperate in the field of environmental health including the development of a system for monitoring pollution in air, food, water and soil in

Egypt, and the preparation of a plan for the prevention of environmental pollution as future development of the rural and urban environment occurs.

2. The United States will provide technical consultation for the design and planning of an environmental health research center.

3. The Parties agree to review potable water supply systems in Egypt in order to consider the development of studies and projects related to the impact of such systems on community health maintenance levels. Vector-borne disease control also will be considered.

#### *Article IX. CASUALTIES AND MEDICAL EMERGENCIES*

1. The Parties shall exchange data and information about methods of establishing community emergency medical services with special emphasis on new developments and modern technology.

2. Both Parties shall exchange experts in this field to facilitate the formulation of a plan of action for development of the Egyptian system of emergency medical services.

3. The process of development of that system will begin in the greater Cairo area, to establish as early as possible a modern and up-to-date medical emergency system.

#### *Article X. HEALTH SERVICES AND FAMILY PLANNING*

1. The Parties agree to cooperate in health services planning activities of mutual concern to the A.R.E. and the U.S. They shall seek to determine how available resources can be utilized most effectively to strengthen the health sector in Egypt. Emphasis will be given to rural health services, emergency medical service systems, health facility and resource planning, health manpower needs, and health information system development.

2. The Parties also agree to examine the following areas of health and medical needs: intensive care units, treatment of kidney diseases, prematurity, mental and behavioral disorders, drug addiction, rehabilitation, and care of handicapped children.

3. The Parties recognize the special health problems associated with the rapidly increasing population in Egypt and agree to give special attention to family planning and alternative programs to deal with this problem.

4. The Parties shall study the status of these health problems in Egypt, assessing the needs of the health sector for research and service in these areas.

#### *Article XI. CANCER*

1. The Parties shall cooperate in assessing the dimension of the problem of cancer in Egypt.

2. The Parties shall cooperate in developing a plan of action for research, diagnosis and treatment of cancer in Egypt and exchange experience in these fields.

3. Research activities undertaken pursuant to this Article will be incorporated in the annual plan of work for medical research prepared by the Sub-committee on Biomedical Research established under Article III.

*Article XII. BIOMEDICAL INFORMATION*

1. Both Parties recognize that biomedical information is a necessary component of biomedical research, education, and the delivery of health services.

2. The Parties agree to explore cooperative arrangements which will result in improved biomedical communications between and within both countries. In particular, they will share experiences relating to the development of a national biomedical information resource and an operational national medical library system.

*Article XIII. HISTORY OF MEDICINE AND PHARMACY*

1. Both Parties shall cooperate in studying and further recording the history of medicine and pharmacy in the Ancient Egyptian and old Arabic eras.

2. Both Parties shall encourage scientific cooperation between medical museums in the two countries and in particular between the Medical Museum of Sakakini in Cairo and the Medical Museum of Alexandria from the Egyptian side and the Museum of History and Technology of the Smithsonian Institution in Washington and the Museum of Surgical Sciences, Chicago, from the United States side.

3. The A.R.E. shall grant to the Museum of Surgical Sciences, Chicago, the items mentioned in Annex I of this Agreement.

*Article XIV. NAVAL MEDICAL RESEARCH UNIT*

Both Parties agree to support the Naval Medical Research Unit (NAMRU III), in order to facilitate continuation and expansion of its activities in the fields of research and training. They agree that a new agreement concerning NAMRU III should be concluded as soon as possible.

*Article XV*

This Agreement shall enter into force provisionally upon signature and finally from the date of exchange of diplomatic notes between the countries notifying the completion of the constitutional procedures required in each country. It shall remain in force for five years from the date of signature unless terminated sooner by mutual agreement or by either Party upon six months notice to the other. It may be extended for such further five year periods as may be agreed by the Parties.

DONE at Washington this twenty-eighth day of October, 1975.

For the Government  
of the United States of America:

[Signed — Signé]<sup>1</sup>

For the Government  
of the Arab Republic of Egypt:

[Signed — Signé]<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Signed by Henry A. Kissinger — Signé par Henry A. Kissinger.

<sup>2</sup> Signed by Ismail Fahmy — Signé par Ismail Fahmy.

## ANNEX I

## ITEMS GRANTED TO MUSEUM OF SURGICAL SCIENCES, CHICAGO

1. Statue of Avicenna
  2. Statue of Rhazy
  3. Statue of Zahrawy
  4. Statue of Dr. Aly Pacha Ibrahim
  5. Statue of Imhateh
  6. Statue of Te-Ankk-Ra
  7. Painting of Ibn El Nafis
  8. Painting of Ibn Baktaishu
  9. Painting of Rhazy
  10. Painting of Kalawoon Asylum
  11. Painting of a poliomyelitis case
  12. Painting of El Darry Pasha
  13. Painting of fractured clavicle in Ancient Egyptian era
  14. Picture of Edwin Smith Papyrus
  15. Picture of a sculpture showing circumcision operation
  16. Picture of a sculpture showing some surgical instruments
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