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**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
and
SYRIAN ARAB REPUBLIC**

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AGREEMENT¹ BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE SYRIAN ARAB REPUBLIC FOR THE SALE OF AGRICULTURAL COMMODITIES UNDER THE PUBLIC LAW 480, TITLE I PROGRAM

The Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Syrian Arab Republic agree to the sales of agricultural commodities specified below. This agreement shall consist of the preamble, Parts I and III of the Title I Agreement signed on November 20, 1974,² together with the following Part II:

PART II. PARTICULAR PROVISIONS

Item I. COMMODITY TABLE

<i>Commodity</i>	<i>Supply Period (U.S. Fiscal Year)</i>	<i>Approximate Maximum Quantity (Metric Tons)</i>	<i>Maximum Export Market Value (Millions)</i>
Rice	1977	35,000	\$9.7
Tobacco	1977	1,200	5.3
Ocean Transportation (Estimated Differential)			—
		TOTAL	\$15.0

Item II. PAYMENT TERMS

Dollar Credit

- A. Initial payment — Five percent.
- B. Currency Use Payment — Two percent, to be used for Section 104(A) purposes.
- C. Number of Installment Payments — 19.
- D. Amount of Each Installment Payment — Approximately equal annual amounts.
- E. Due Date of First Installment Payment — Two years after date of last delivery of commodities in each calendar year.
- F. Initial Interest Rate — Two percent.
- G. Continuing Interest Rate — Three percent.

Item III. USUAL MARKETING TABLE

<i>Commodity</i>	<i>Import Period (U.S. Fiscal Year)</i>	<i>Usual Marketing Requirements (Metric Tons)</i>
Rice	1977	30,000
Tobacco	1977	2,750
		(of which 1,500 MT shall be imported from the U.S.A.)

¹ Came into force on 3 March 1977 by signature.

² United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 1006, p. 57.

Item IV. EXPORT LIMITATIONS

A. The export limitation period shall be United States Fiscal Year 1977 or any subsequent United States Fiscal Year during which commodities financed under this agreement are being imported or utilized.

B. For the purposes of Part I, Article III, A(4), of the agreement, the commodities which may not be exported are for rice — rice in the form of paddy, brown or milled, except for aromatic (Basmati type) rice; and for tobacco — none.

Item V. SELF-HELP MEASURES

A. In implementing these self-help measures specific emphasis will be placed on contributing directly to development progress in poor rural areas and on enabling the poor to participate actively in increasing agricultural production through small farm agriculture.

B. The Government of the Syrian Arab Republic agrees to:

1. emphasize increased production of food grains and livestock by giving budgetary priority to these goals;
2. expand and improve its system of grain storage facilities in order to provide for orderly marketing and to prevent losses due to insects, rodents, etc.;
3. strengthen its agricultural education and training institutions, including its extension service;
4. expand applied research on food crops and livestock. In the case of livestock, emphasis should be given to increasing production from arid lands while at the same time improving pasture conditions;
5. continue to expand the area of irrigated agriculture, emphasizing those crops most needed by the Syrians;
6. improve the agricultural infrastructure of the country, especially marketing facilities and farm-to-market roads.

Item VI. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PURPOSES FOR WHICH PROCEEDS ACCRUING TO IMPORTING COUNTRY ARE TO BE USED

A. The proceeds accruing to the importing country from the sale of commodities financed under this agreement will be used for financing the self-help measures set forth in the agreement and for the following economic development sector: Agriculture.

B. In the use of proceeds for these purposes, emphasis will be placed on directly improving the lives of the poorest of the recipient country's people and their capacity to participate in the development of their country.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the respective representatives, duly authorized for the purpose, have signed the present agreement.

DONE at Damascus, in duplicate in the English and Arabic languages, each being equally authentic, this 3rd day of March, 1977.

For the Government
of the United States of America:

[Signed]

RICHARD W. MURPHY
Ambassador of the United States
of America

For the Government
of the Syrian Arab Republic:

[Signed]

Dr. MOHAMMAD AL-IMADI
Minister of Economy and Foreign Trade
