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**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
and
AFGHANISTAN**

Agreement concerning the prohibition of opium poppy cultivation in the project area of the Central Helmand Drainage Project (Phase II). Signed at Kabul on 29 August 1977

Authentic text: English.

Registered by the United States of America on 24 November 1978.

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

Accord relatif à l'interdiction de la culture du pavot dans la zone du Projet de drainage du Helmand central (deuxième phase). Signé à Kaboul le 29 août 1977

Texte authentique : anglais.

Enregistré par les États-Unis d'Amérique le 24 novembre 1978.

AGREEMENT¹ CONCERNING THE PROHIBITION OF OPIUM
POPPY CULTIVATION IN THE PROJECT AREA OF THE
CENTRAL HELMAND DRAINAGE PROJECT (PHASE II)²

My Government has authorized me to sign an agreement with your Government to provide an amount not to exceed nine million, five hundred thirty-eight thousand United States dollars (\$9,538,000) as the initial increment of a project to provide adequate drainage in the Central Helmand Valley, provided that our two Governments agree on the following matter: The Government of Afghanistan agrees to inform farmers in the project area of the Central Helmand Drainage Project (Phase II) in advance of project implementation that opium poppies must not be grown in the project area (i.e., Upper Boghra, Nad-i-Ali, Marja, Shamalan, and Darweshan).

If it is determined that poppies are being grown in the project area, the Agency for International Development (AID), acting on behalf of the United States of America, may invoke Article D of the standard provisions annex of the Project Grant Agreement No. 306-0149 of the same date.

Your signature in the indicated space below will constitute agreement on the part of the Republic of Afghanistan to the contents of this letter and will permit me to sign the Central Helmand Drainage Project (Phase II) Grant Agreement.

[Signed]

WAHEED ABDULLAH
Minister-in-Charge for Foreign Affairs
for the Government of the Republic
of Afghanistan

[Signed]

J. BRUCE AMSTUTZ
Chargé d'affaires *ad interim* for the
Government of the United States of
America

Kabul, Afghanistan
Monday, August 29, 1977.

¹ Came into force on 29 August 1977 by signature.

² See p. 297 of this volume.