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[TRANSLATION — TRADUCTION]

AGREEMENT¹ BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE FRENCH
REPUBLIC AND THE IMPERIAL GOVERNMENT OF IRAN
CONCERNING CO-OPERATION IN THE FIELD OF TOURISM

The Government of the French Republic,
The Imperial Government of Iran,

Bearing in mind the friendly relations between the two countries,

Considering the importance of tourism for the two countries both in the economic field and as a factor for understanding between the two peoples;

Having regard to the current state of development of tourism in the two countries and the more effective exploitation of its potential;

Aware of the need for co-operation between the two countries because of their common or complementary tourist attractions;

Determined to make this co-operation as fruitful as possible;

Inspired by the spirit of the recommendations of the United Nations Conference on International Travel and Tourism held at Rome from 21 August to 5 September 1963 and the recommendations of the International Union of Official Travel Organizations,

Have agreed as follows:

Article 1. The Parties agree to take all necessary measures to promote the tourist industry of the two countries and to intensify tourist exchanges between them. To that end, the two Governments shall pay special attention to the relaxation of travel formalities, the provision of all kinds of facilities and assistance to tourists, co-operation in communications, tourist propaganda and publicity, tourist structures and installations, professional education and training, the exchange of information and mutual technical assistance.

Article 2. A Joint Commission (hereinafter referred to as “the Commission”) shall be established to study and carry out measures to achieve the stated objectives.

The delegation of each of the two countries to the Commission shall be presided over by the responsible authority of the official tourist organization or by his representative.

The Commission shall be assisted by representatives of other interested agencies of the two countries, according to the items on the agenda.

Article 3. The Commission shall meet at least once every year. The Commission may, if necessary, hold special meetings by agreement between the presidents of the national delegations.

¹ Came into force on 11 April 1978, i.e., the date of the last of the notifications by which the Contracting Parties informed each other of the completion of the required constitutional formalities, in accordance with article 7.

The meetings of the Commission shall be held alternately in each of the two countries on a date set by mutual agreement between the presidents of the national delegations. The president of the national delegation of the host country shall preside over the meeting of the Commission. The national delegation of the country in which the meeting is held shall provide the secretariat.

Article 4. The Commission shall establish its programme of work as well as the order of priority of the items to be discussed. The measures which it adopts shall be implemented after approval by the competent authorities of the two countries.

The Commission shall report on its work to the Intergovernmental Commission on Economic Co-operation and to the Joint Commission on Cultural and Technical Co-operation. It shall propose to them measures which are likely to contribute to the realization of the objectives set forth in this Agreement and the implementation of which lies within their competence.

Article 5. The presidents of the national delegations shall keep each other informed of the implementation measures mentioned in the preceding article.

Article 6. This Agreement shall be valid for a period of one year from the date on which it enters into force.

Unless it is denounced by one of the two Governments with six months' notice, this Agreement shall be automatically renewed for successive periods of one year.

Article 7. This Agreement shall be approved by each of the Contracting Parties. It shall enter into force on the date of the last notification by one of the Contracting Parties to the other of the completion of the constitutional formalities required for the entry into force of this Agreement.

This Agreement is drawn up in duplicate in the French and Persian languages, the two texts being equally authentic.

DONE at Tehran on 28 May 1977.

For the Government of the French Republic:

[Signed]

JACQUES MÉDECIN

Secretary of State for Tourism

For the Imperial Government of Iran:

[Signed]

KARIM PACHA BAHADORI

Minister of Information and Tourism