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**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
and
MOROCCO**

**Memorandum of Understanding for technical co-operation
in the earth sciences. Signed at Washington on
24 August 1977 and at Rabat on 7 October 1977**

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et
MAROC**

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dans le domaine des sciences géologiques. Signé à
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MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING¹ BETWEEN GEOLOGICAL SERVICE (DIVISION OF GEOLOGY) OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE, INDUSTRY, MINES AND MERCHANT MARINE, KINGDOM OF MOROCCO, AND GEOLOGICAL SURVEY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES, FOR TECHNICAL COOPERATION IN THE EARTH SCIENCES

Article I. SCOPE AND OBJECTIVES OF AGREEMENT

In order to provide a mechanism for technical cooperation in the earth sciences, the Geological Service of Morocco (hereinafter referred to as the SGM), and the U.S. Geological Survey of the U.S. Department of the Interior, Government of the United States (hereinafter referred to as the USGS), have agreed to procedures for cooperation as defined in this Memorandum of Understanding (hereinafter referred to as Memorandum).

The purpose of the proposed cooperation is to exchange technical knowledge and to augment the technical capabilities of both parties. The cooperation is expected to include exchanges of information and expertise, and joint studies of geological phenomena and earth resources of mutual interest. For cooperation requested by the SGM that extends into subjects outside the scope of the USGS, the USGS may, with the concurrence of the SGM and when compatible with existing U.S. laws, Executive Orders, regulations and policies, endeavor to enlist the participation of other U.S. organizations.

The activities carried out under this Memorandum will depend on the funds and manpower available to the SGM and be subject to the availability of manpower and the appropriated funds of USGS.

Article II. COOPERATIVE ACTIVITIES

Cooperative activities under this Memorandum may consist of exchanges of technical information, and exchange visits by scientists of the two parties engaged in research projects of mutual interest within the scope of regularly authorized and funded programs of the SGM and the USGS.

Such activities may include, but are not limited to, such areas of mutual interest as remote-sensing applications for geologic mapping and mineral resource studies; geophysical modeling and interpretation; mineral resource analysis and data systems; sedimentary basin studies for the assessment of resource potential; preparation of a paleogeographic atlas with interpretations; mineral resources exploration; geologic investigations of continental shelf areas; and consultation in regard to laboratory equipment and planning.

Article III. SOURCES OF FINANCIAL SUPPORT

The cooperation envisaged under this Memorandum will be based on financial support available to the two parties, and each party will cover its own costs except in cases where special financing becomes available for selected

¹ Came into force on 7 October 1977 by signature, in accordance with article VIII.

activities of mutual interest. In such cases, the terms of financing will be agreed upon by both parties before the beginning of activities.

Article IV. REPORTS, DOCUMENTS, AND RELEASE OF INFORMATION

Consistent with the applicable laws and regulations of the two parties, reports of cooperative activities undertaken under this Memorandum may only be published after mutual written consent.

Article V. REPRESENTATION

It is anticipated that representatives of the two parties will, at mutually agreed intervals, review the progress of activities conducted under this Memorandum and make plans for future activities.

Article VI. WARRANTY

Both the United States and the Kingdom of Morocco disclaim any warranty that information provided under this Agreement is suitable for any particular use.

Article VII. ANNEX AGREEMENTS

Any activity agreed upon within the terms of this Memorandum which involves a substantial amount of manpower or an expenditure of funds will be defined in a project description attached as an annex to this Agreement.

Article VIII. ENTRY INTO FORCE AND TERMINATION

This Memorandum shall enter into force on the date of final signature of both parties and remain in force for five (5) years, unless extended by mutual agreement. This Memorandum may be terminated at any time upon ninety (90) days' written notice of termination to the other party.

Geological Service (Division of Geology) of the Ministry of Commerce, Mines, Industry and Merchant Marine, Kingdom of Morocco:

By: E. A. HILALI

Date: 7 Oct. 1977

Geological Survey of the Department of the Interior, Government of the United States:

By: J. R. BALSLEY

Date: 24 Aug. 1977