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**NETHERLANDS  
and  
YUGOSLAVIA**

**Agreement on technical co-operation aiming at the creation of conditions for the promotion of employment in economically underdeveloped areas of Yugoslavia. Signed at The Hague on 20 January 1977**

*Authentic text: English.*

*Registered by the Netherlands on 17 August 1979.*

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**PAYS-BAS  
et  
YUGOSLAVIE**

**Accord sur la coopération technique visant à créer des conditions propres à stimuler l'emploi dans des zones économiquement sous-développées de la Yougoslavie. Signé à La Haye le 20 janvier 1977**

*Texte authentique : anglais.*

*Enregistré par les Pays-Bas le 17 août 1979.*

AGREEMENT<sup>1</sup> BETWEEN THE KINGDOM OF THE NETHERLANDS  
AND THE SOCIALIST FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF YUGOSLAVIA ON  
TECHNICAL COOPERATION AIMING AT THE CREATION OF  
CONDITIONS FOR THE PROMOTION OF EMPLOYMENT IN ECO-  
NOMICALLY UNDER-DEVELOPED AREAS OF YUGOSLAVIA

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The Government of the Kingdom of the Netherlands and the Government of the Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia,

Desiring in general to contribute to such forms of cooperation that ensure a rapid economic development of developing countries;

Recognizing specifically their wish to cooperate in the field of technical cooperation aimed at the improvement of the employment situation in the under-developed areas of Yugoslavia;

Have agreed as follows:

*Article I.* PURPOSE OF COOPERATION

1. Both Governments undertake to collaborate in the field of technical cooperation by favouring and facilitating employment-creating projects in economically under-developed areas of Yugoslavia, hereinafter referred to as "the Projects", which have been agreed upon by the Competent Authorities, referred to in paragraphs 1 and 2 of article IV.

2. The selection and implementation of the Projects will be made in conformity with the aims and purposes of the Yugoslav development plans and the Netherlands development policy with emphasis on its social aspects.

*Article II.* MEANS OF COOPERATION

The purpose of the cooperation, referred to in article I, will be achieved by:

- a. Making available funds to create employment opportunities;
- b. Making available consultancy advice and/or supporting consultancy activities for small-scale industries, with preference for the mobilisation of the Yugoslav potential in this field;
- c. Organising a vocational training programme aiming to the re-education or upgrading of labourers; this programme may be carried out by involving existing institutions in either country or on an *ad-hoc* basis;
- d. All other relevant means, to be determined by both Competent Authorities.

*Article III.* CONTRIBUTIONS

The Netherlands Competent Authority shall yearly communicate to the Yugoslav Party the amount of its contribution for the purpose and means of cooperation referred to in articles I and II of this Agreement.

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<sup>1</sup> Came into force on 26 October 1978, the date of the last of the notifications (effected on 5 September 1977 and 26 October 1978) by which both Governments informed each other in writing of the completion of their required procedures, with retroactive effect from 1 February 1977, in accordance with article IX (1).

*Article IV. COMPETENT AND EXECUTIVE AUTHORITIES*

1. The authority, competent for the implementation of this Agreement on behalf of the Government of the Kingdom of the Netherlands shall be the Minister for Development Cooperation.

2. The authority, competent for the implementation of this Agreement on behalf of the Government of the Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia shall be the President of the Federal Committee for Labour and Employment.

3. The authority, competent for the fulfilment of obligations in connection with the financial contribution of the Netherlands Government shall be the International Technical Assistance Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs which shall act as the Netherlands Executive Authority.

4. The authority, competent for the executive work under this Agreement shall be the Union of Republican and Provincial Communities for Employment of Yugoslavia which shall act as the Yugoslav Executive Authority.

*Article V. JOINT COMMITTEE*

1. The Competent Authorities shall establish a Joint Committee of 6 members at most, being both Parties therein equally represented. Each delegation may have itself assisted by experts.

2. The Joint Committee shall decide every year as to the propositions to be made with respect to the selection of the Projects and the allocation of the available funds. Those propositions shall be submitted to both Competent Authorities for approval.

3. The Joint Committee shall advise those Authorities on the structure, implementation and evaluation of the Projects.

4. The Joint Committee shall establish its own structure and procedures, including the frequency and place of its meetings.

*Article VI. UTILIZATION OF THE NETHERLANDS CONTRIBUTION*

1. The Netherlands contribution with respect to the approved projects, shall—in so far as not needed for disbursements in the Netherlands—be transferred to Yugoslavia on a project-by-project basis on a separate convertible dinar account.

2. The resources of the Netherlands contribution shall be administered by the Yugoslav Executive Authority in conformity with the relevant regulations, existing in Yugoslavia, taking into account the results of the consultations in the Joint Committee. The Yugoslav Executive Authority shall also control their utilization and cooperate in their evaluation.

3. The Yugoslav Executive Authority shall report once a year to both Competent Authorities via the Joint Committee on the administration of the financial contribution of the Netherlands Government and its utilization.

*Article VII. SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTES*

Any difference or dispute arising out of this Agreement which cannot be solved by the Competent or Executive Authorities in common consent, shall be settled by the Contracting Parties through diplomatic channel.

*Article VIII. PERSONNEL AND EQUIPMENT*

1. The Government of the Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia shall, within its powers, take measures to provide the investors-users of assistance out of the Netherlands contribution with customs and other facilities.

2. With respect to the Netherlands personnel, equipment or materials that might have been made available by the Netherlands Competent Authority for the implementation of the Projects, the same privileges, facilities and immunities will be applicable as are accorded to personnel, equipment and materials in UNDP-projects in Yugoslavia.

*Article IX.* ENTRY INTO FORCE AND DURATION

1. This Agreement shall enter into force, with retroactive effect as from February 1, 1977, on the date on which both Governments have informed each other in writing that the conditions required therefor in their respective legislations have been complied with and shall be valid for an initial period of two years.

2. This Agreement shall be considered to be extended tacitly by periods of one year, unless either of the Governments has notified the other one, at least six months before the expiry of the current period, of its intention to terminate the Agreement.

3. Notwithstanding the provisions of the foregoing paragraphs this Agreement may at any time be terminated by mutual agreement between the Governments. In respect of Projects started before the date of termination of the present Agreement the foregoing articles thereof shall continue to be effective until these Projects have been terminated.

4. With respect to the Kingdom of the Netherlands, this Agreement shall apply to the territory of the Kingdom in Europe only.

DONE at The Hague, on the twentieth day of the month of January 1977 in two originals in the English language.

For the Government  
of the Kingdom of the Netherlands:  
J. PRONK

For the Government of the Socialist  
Federal Republic of Yugoslavia:  
S. PEPOVSKI