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**UNITED NATIONS  
and FOOD AND AGRICULTURE ORGANIZATION  
OF THE UNITED NATIONS, ON BEHALF  
OF THE WORLD FOOD PROGRAMME (WFP),  
and  
CHINA**

**Basic Agreement concerning assistance from the World  
Food Programme. Signed at Beijing on 4 October 1980**

*Authentic texts: English and Chinese.*

*Registered ex officio on 3 June 1981.*

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**ORGANISATION DES NATIONS UNIES  
et ORGANISATION DES NATIONS UNIES POUR  
L'ALIMENTATION ET L'AGRICULTURE, AU NOM  
DU PROGRAMME ALIMENTAIRE MONDIAL (PAM),  
et  
CHINE**

**Accord de base relatif à une assistance du Programme ali-  
mentaire mondial. Signé à Beijing le 4 octobre 1980**

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*Enregistré d'office le 3 juin 1981.*

**BASIC AGREEMENT<sup>1</sup> BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA AND THE UNITED NATIONS/FAO WORLD FOOD PROGRAMME CONCERNING ASSISTANCE FROM THE WORLD FOOD PROGRAMME**

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WHEREAS the Government of the People's Republic of China (hereinafter referred to as "the Chinese Government") desires to avail itself of assistance from the United Nations/FAO World Food Programme (hereinafter referred to as "the World Food Programme"), and

WHEREAS the World Food Programme is agreeable to affording such assistance at the specific request of the Chinese Government,

NOW THEREFORE the Chinese Government and the World Food Programme have entered into this Agreement embodying the conditions under which such assistance may be given by the World Food Programme and utilized by the Chinese Government in accordance with the General Regulations of the World Food Programme:

*Article I. ASSISTANCE REQUESTS AND AGREEMENTS*

1. The Chinese Government may request assistance in the form of food from the World Food Programme for supporting economic and social development projects or for meeting emergency food needs arising from natural disasters or as the result of other emergency conditions.

2. Any request for assistance shall normally be presented by the Chinese Government in the form indicated by the World Food Programme, through the World Food Programme Representative accredited to the People's Republic of China or through the Chinese Representative to FAO.

3. The Chinese Government shall provide the World Food Programme with all appropriate facilities and relevant information needed for assessing the request.

4. When it has been decided that the World Food Programme will give assistance in respect of a development project, a Plan of Operations shall be agreed to by the Chinese Government and the World Food Programme. In the case of emergency relief operations letters of understanding shall be exchanged in lieu of the conclusion of a formal instrument between the Parties.

5. Each Plan of Operations shall indicate the terms and conditions upon which a project is to be carried out and shall specify the respective responsibilities of the Chinese Government and the World Food Programme in implementing the project. The provisions of the present Basic Agreement shall govern any Plan of Operations concluded thereunder.

*Article II. EXECUTION OF DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS AND EMERGENCY RELIEF OPERATIONS*

1. The primary responsibility for execution of development projects and emergency operations shall rest with the Chinese Government, which shall provide all personnel, premises, supplies, equipment, services and transportation and defray all expenditure necessary for implementation of any development project or emergency operations.

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<sup>1</sup> Came into force on 4 October 1980 by signature, in accordance with article VII (1).

2. The World Food Programme shall deliver commodities as a grant without payment at the port of entry or the frontier station and shall supervise and provide advisory assistance in the execution of any development project or emergency operation.

3. In respect of each project the Chinese Government shall designate, in agreement with the World Food Programme, an appropriate agency to implement the project. Should there be more than one food assistance project in the country, the Chinese Government shall designate a central coordinating agency for regulating supplies of food as between the World Food Programme and the projects themselves.

4. The Chinese Government shall provide facilities to the World Food Programme for observing all stages of implementation of development projects and emergency operations.

5. The Chinese Government shall ensure that the commodities supplied by the World Food Programme are handled, transported, stored and distributed with adequate care and efficiency and that the commodities and the proceeds of their sale, when authorized, are utilized in the manner agreed upon between the Parties. In the event that they are not so utilized, the World Food Programme may require the return to it of the commodities or the sales proceeds, or both, as the case may be.

6. The World Food Programme may, after consultation with the Chinese Government, suspend or withdraw its assistance in the event of failure on the part of the Chinese Government to fulfil any of its obligations assumed under the present Agreement or any agreement concluded by virtue thereof.

### *Article III.* INFORMATION CONCERNING PROJECTS AND EMERGENCY OPERATIONS

1. The Chinese Government shall furnish the World Food Programme with such relevant documents, accounts, records, statements, reports and other information as the World Food Programme may request concerning the execution of any development project or emergency operation, or its continued feasibility and soundness, or concerning the fulfilment by the Chinese Government of any of its responsibilities under the present Agreement or any agreement concluded by virtue thereof.

2. The Chinese Government shall keep the World Food Programme informed regularly of the progress of execution of each development project or emergency operation.

3. The Chinese Government shall present to the World Food Programme audited accounts of the use of commodities supplied by the Programme and of the proceeds of their sale in each development project at agreed intervals and at the end of the project.

4. The Chinese Government shall assist in any appraisal of a project that the World Food Programme may undertake, as stated in the relevant Plan of Operations, by maintaining and furnishing to the Programme records required for this purpose. Any final appraisal report prepared shall be submitted to the Chinese Government for its comments and subsequently to the UN/FAO Committee on Food Aid Policies and Programmes, together with any such comments.

### *Article IV.* ASSISTANCE FROM OTHER SOURCES

In the event that assistance towards the execution of a project is obtained by the Chinese Government from sources other than the World Food Programme, the Par-

ties shall consult each other with a view to effective coordination of assistance from the World Food Programme and other sources.

*Article V. FACILITIES, PRIVILEGES AND IMMUNITIES*

1. The Chinese Government shall afford to officials and consultants of the World Food Programme and to other persons performing services on behalf of the World Food Programme such facilities as are afforded to those of the United Nations and Specialized Agencies.

2. The Chinese Government shall apply the provisions of the Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the Specialized Agencies<sup>1</sup> to the World Food Programme, its property, funds and assets and to its officials and consultants.

3. The Chinese Government shall be responsible for dealing with any claims which may be brought by third parties against the World Food Programme or against its officials or consultants or other persons performing services on behalf of the World Food Programme under this Agreement and shall hold the World Food Programme and the above-mentioned persons harmless in case of any claims or liabilities resulting from operations under this Agreement, except where it is agreed by the Chinese Government and the World Food Programme that such claims or liabilities arise from the gross negligence or wilful misconduct of such persons.

*Article VI. SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTES*

Any dispute between the Chinese Government and the World Food Programme arising out of or relating to this Agreement or a Plan of Operations which cannot be settled by negotiation or other agreed mode of settlement shall be submitted to arbitration at the request of either Party. The arbitration shall be held in Rome, Italy. Each Party shall appoint and brief one arbitrator and advise the other Party of the name of its arbitrator. Should the arbitrators fail to agree upon an award they shall immediately appoint an independent umpire. In the event that within thirty days of the request for arbitration either Party has not appointed an arbitrator, or that the arbitrators appointed fail to agree upon award and on the appointment of an independent umpire, either Party may request the Secretary-General of the United Nations and the Director-General of FAO to jointly appoint an arbitrator or an independent umpire, as the case may be. The expenses of the arbitration shall be borne by the Parties as laid down in the arbitral award. The arbitral award shall be accepted by the Parties as the final adjudication of the dispute.

*Article VII. GENERAL PROVISIONS*

1. This Agreement shall enter into force upon signature and shall continue in force unless terminated under section 3 of this article.

2. This Agreement may be modified by written agreement between the Parties hereto. Any relevant matter for which no provision is made in this Agreement shall be settled by the Parties in keeping with the relevant resolutions and decisions of the UN/FAO Committee on Food Aid Policies and Programmes. Each Party shall give full and sympathetic consideration to any proposal advanced by the other Party under this section.

<sup>1</sup> United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 33, p. 261. For the final and revised texts of annexes published subsequently, see vol. 71, p. 318; vol. 79, p. 326; vol. 117, p. 386; vol. 275, p. 298; vol. 314, p. 308; vol. 323, p. 364; vol. 327, p. 326; vol. 371, p. 266; vol. 423, p. 284; vol. 559, p. 348; vol. 645, p. 340; vol. 1057, p. 320, and vol. 1060, p. 337.

3. This Agreement may be terminated by either Party by written notice to the other and shall terminate sixty days after receipt of such notice. Notwithstanding any such notice of termination, this Agreement shall remain in force until complete fulfilment or termination of all Plans of Operations entered into by virtue of this Basic Agreement.

4. The obligations assumed by the Chinese Government under article V thereof shall survive the termination of this Agreement under the foregoing section 3, to the extent necessary to permit orderly withdrawal of the property, funds and assets of the World Food Programme and the officials and other persons performing services on behalf of the World Food Programme by virtue of this Agreement.

This Basic Agreement is hereunder signed in Beijing on October 4, 1980 in five copies, both in English and Chinese. The English and Chinese texts are equally authoritative.

[Signed]

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of the People's Republic of China:

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[Signed]

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