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MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING¹ ON COOPERATION IN THE FIELD OF AGRICULTURE BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

Article I. A. The Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Federal Republic of Nigeria hereby reaffirm their mutual desire to collaborate in developing programmes and exchanges in all fields relating to the planning and development of agriculture and express their intention to continue to explore possible joint activities which would lead to a broadening of cooperation in this field.

B. The Cooperating Agencies under this Memorandum of Understanding shall be the Department of Agriculture of the United States of America and the Federal Ministry of Agriculture of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.

C. As set forth in article III of this Memorandum of Understanding, areas of cooperation will be determined after consultations between representatives of both countries, and will be implemented by mutual agreement of the Cooperating Agencies and in conformity with the laws and agricultural policies of both countries.

Article II. The broad program objectives of this Memorandum of Understanding are:

1. To assist in the development of programmes consistent with national policies and goals;
2. To provide technical support in the implementation of agricultural programmes;
3. To exchange materials and information;
4. To exchange scientists, specialists, researchers, and trainees;
5. To cooperate in training in all fields of Agricultural planning, development and research;
6. To cooperate in developing and expanding commercial agricultural relations;
7. To foster private sector involvement in projects and activities consistent with the agricultural development policies and objectives of the two Governments.

Article III. A. A Joint Agriculture Working Group shall be formed by the Cooperating Agencies and shall serve as the coordinating body to plan and review activities and their implementation. All activities shall be determined and implemented as mutually agreed by the Cooperating Agencies and shall be documented and appended hereto as Activity Implementation Plans.

B. The Activity Implementation Plans, which shall constitute part of this Memorandum of Understanding, shall specify details of the activities, specific funding arrangements, treatment of intellectual property, and other appropriate matters. In no case will an activity be implemented prior to mutual agreement on

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terms and responsibilities. All activities shall be subject to the availability of funds.

Article IV. The two Governments agree to promote the establishment of a Joint Agricultural Consultative Committee whose purpose would be to provide a mechanism for support of private sector cooperation in agriculture. The U.S. Committee members would work with their Nigerian counterparts on the Committee toward expanding private sector cooperative projects in Nigeria.

Article V. The two Governments agree to discuss means by which the Government of the United States can assist, where appropriate, on a reimbursable basis, the Federal Government of Nigeria, in raising funds and providing technical assistance for the development and implementation of agricultural projects.

Article VI. The Cooperating Agencies shall encourage and facilitate contacts between appropriate specialists and entities in their respective scientific communities and private sectors, and work toward long-term cooperation in programmes of research, extension, training, trade in agricultural commodities and any other areas related to the objectives set out in article II.

Article VII. Implementation of this Memorandum of Understanding for the Department of Agriculture of the United States of America shall be coordinated by its Office of International Cooperation and Development. Implementation of this Memorandum of Understanding for the Ministry of Agriculture of the Federal Republic of Nigeria shall be coordinated by that Ministry.

Article VIII. Nothing in this Memorandum of Understanding shall be interpreted to prejudice or modify any existing understandings or agreements between the two Governments or the Cooperating Agencies.

Article IX. This Memorandum of Understanding shall enter into force upon signature and shall remain in force for five years, unless terminated earlier by either Government upon six months' written notice to the other Government. It may be modified or extended by mutual written agreement of the two Governments. In the event of termination of this Memorandum of Understanding, arrangements shall be made for completion of activities underway pursuant thereto.

DATED this 23rd day of July, 1980 at Lagos, Nigeria.

[Signed — Signé]¹

For the Government
of the United States of America

[Signed — Signé]²

For the Government
of the Federal Republic of Nigeria

¹ Signed by Walter F. Mondale — Signé par Walter F. Mondale.

² Signed by Alex Ekwueme — Signé par Alex Ekwueme.