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and
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**Agreement on health co-operation. Signed at Washington on
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AGREEMENT¹ ON HEALTH COOPERATION BETWEEN THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH OF THE ARAB REPUBLIC OF EGYPT

The Department of Health and Human Services of the United States of America and the Ministry of Health of the Arab Republic of Egypt,

Desiring to continue strengthening the friendly relations between the peoples of the United States of America and the Arab Republic of Egypt,

Wishing to continue the established cooperation in the field of health between the two countries, developed principally under the Agreement for Health Cooperation signed on October 28, 1975,²

Have agreed as follows:

Article I. PURPOSE AND IMPLEMENTATION

1. The Department of Health and Human Services of the United States of America and the Ministry of Health of the Arab Republic of Egypt (hereinafter referred to as the Parties) shall continue the development and implementation of a cooperative health program. Cooperation under this Agreement shall be subject to the Parties' legal and administrative requirements and to the availability of funds.

2. The Parties shall utilize appropriate methods to accomplish the purposes of this Agreement, including cooperative research activities, exchange of information, sharing of technical experts and consultants, conferences, and training courses, in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement.

3. Joint activities, where possible, will be coordinated with, or be supportive of, the activities and goals of international health bodies, including the World Health Organization.

Article II. COORDINATION

1. The Joint Working Group on Health Cooperation, established pursuant to the Principles of Relations and Cooperation between the United States and the Arab Republic of Egypt signed on June 14, 1974,³ shall continue to be responsible for overseeing the development of cooperative health programs under the terms of this Agreement and for making recommendations, as appropriate, to the Parties.

2. The Joint Working Group shall be chaired by the Assistant Secretary for Health of the Department of Health and Human Services of the United States and the Minister of Health of the Arab Republic of Egypt. Members of the Working Group shall include the Coordinators from each side, designated in accordance with Article II, paragraph 3, below; representatives designated by the American Ambassador to the Arab Republic of Egypt and the Egyptian Ambassador to the

¹ Came into force on 13 January 1981 by signature, in accordance with article IV.

² United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 1070, p. 11.

³ *Ibid.*, vol. 967, p. 137.

United States of America; a representative designated by the U.S. Agency for International Development; a representative designated by the U.S. Naval Medical Research and Development Command; and the U.S. and Egyptian Co-Chairmen of the several Joint Working Group Subcommittees.

3. The United States will designate a Deputy Assistant Secretary and the Arab Republic of Egypt will designate an Undersecretary of Health to serve as Coordinators for the purpose of this Agreement. The Coordinators will be responsible for follow-up, evaluation and further development of cooperation between meetings of the Joint Working Group, in accordance with other provisions of this Agreement.

4. A Steering Committee of the Joint Working Group will be established, consisting of approximately four or five representatives from each side as designated, respectively, by the Assistant Secretary for Health and the Minister of Health. The Assistant Secretary, the Minister and the Coordinator from each side will serve as permanent members of the Steering Committee. The other designated members of the Steering Committee will serve two year terms, renewable at the pleasure of the Assistant Secretary or Minister. The representatives of the American and Egyptian Ambassadors and the Agency for International Development will serve as nonvoting members of the Steering Committee.

With respect to funding which may be available for health activities under U.S. Public Law 83-480, or which may become available from other non-AID sources, the Steering Committee of the Joint Working Group shall have the responsibility for:

- Establishing priorities for the funding of cooperative projects;
- Approving projects for funding, taking into account the recommendations of any appropriate subcommittees, and recognizing that priority consideration will be accorded to field or applied research that will help solve health problems of interest to both countries. Basic research will be considered to the extent that it supports this primary objective;
- Determining the timing of, and agendas for, meetings of the Joint Working Group.

It is recognized that any funding which becomes available and any activities which come into existence through the Joint Board on Science and Technology will be subject to the policies and procedures which govern the functioning of the Joint Board.

5. Subcommittees or other subgroups of the Joint Working Group on Health Cooperation may be established at the discretion of the Steering Committee, with the approval of the Assistant Secretary and Minister.

6. The Parties may agree upon other means of financing cooperative health activities, subject to the Parties' legal and administrative requirements and to the availability of funds.

Article III. U.S. NAVAL MEDICAL RESEARCH UNIT

Both sides recognize the importance of continuing their support of the U.S. Naval Medical Research Unit in Cairo (NAMRU III) and agree to coordinate the activities of the Joint Working Group to the extent feasible with the research projects of NAMRU III.

Article IV. ENTRY INTO FORCE, DURATION, AND AMENDMENT

This Agreement shall enter into force upon signature and shall remain in force for five years from the date of signature unless terminated earlier by either party upon six months written notice to the other Party. It may be extended or amended by mutual agreement of the Parties in writing.

DONE at Washington, in duplicate, this thirteenth day of January 1981, in the English and Arabic languages, the two texts being equally authentic.

For the Department
of Health and Human Services
of the United States of America:

[Signed — Signé]¹

For the Ministry of Health
of the Arab Republic of Egypt:

[Signed — Signé]²

¹ Signed by Patricia Roberts Harris — Signé par Patricia Roberts Harris.

² Signed by Mamdouh Gabr — Signé par Mamdouh Gabr.