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**AGREEMENT<sup>1</sup> ON ECONOMIC, INDUSTRIAL, SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL CO-OPERATION BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF FINLAND AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA**

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The Government of the Republic of Finland and the Government of the Federal Republic of Nigeria (hereinafter referred to as “the Contracting Parties”):

Desirous of promoting and expanding economic, industrial, scientific and technological co-operation between their two countries to the greatest possible extent;

Mindful of the advantages to be derived by the two Contracting Parties from such co-operation;

Have agreed as follows:

*Article I.* The Contracting Parties shall co-operate with and support each other, within the limits of their capabilities and resources in solving problems of economic, industrial, scientific and technological character on the basis of equality and mutual benefit by the utilization of the latest achievements in science and technology for the furtherance of the economic development of their countries.

*Article II.* The fields of co-operation envisaged in Article I above shall cover *inter alia* the following sectors:

(a) Industry:

- (i) Pulp, paper and paper products;
- (ii) Mechanical wood working;
- (iii) Mining and metallurgy (iron and nonferrous metallurgy);
- (iv) Mechanical, electronic and electrical engineering;
- (v) Power stations;
- (vi) Shipbuilding;
- (vii) Industrial chemicals, pharmaceuticals and fertilizers;
- (viii) Food production and processing;
- (ix) Petrochemicals;
- (x) Gas and petroleum; and
- (xi) Textiles.

(b) Infrastructure:

- (i) Extending facilities for mapping and surveying, geological studies, feasibility studies, research and execution of pilot projects;
- (ii) Rural and urban electrification projects;
- (iii) Housing construction, especially dwellings and pre-fabricated building systems; urban designing and development;

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<sup>1</sup> Came into force on 3 February 1982, i.e., 30 days after the date (4 January 1982) on which the Contracting Parties notified each other of the completion of the legal or constitutional formalities, in accordance with article XI (1).

- (iv) Construction related to projects in the fields of education, health care and tourism;
- (v) Construction connected with water supply, sewerage, canals and irrigation systems;
- (vi) Telecommunications;
- (vii) Harbours and airports.
  - (c) Agriculture and forest resources:
    - (i) Afforestation;
    - (ii) Logging;
    - (iii) Soil improvement technology;
    - (iv) Organizing of transport systems, materials handling, processing and storing of raw materials, including silos and cold storages;
    - (v) Experimental farms;
    - (vi) Poultry and livestock development.
  - (d) Award of scholarship, organizing study tours and seminars;
  - (e) Exchange and purchase of licences, scientific and technical knowhow;
  - (f) Any other form of co-operation that may be agreed upon by both Contracting Parties.

*Article III.* The implementation of economic, industrial, scientific and technological co-operation on projects envisaged in Article II shall be arranged under separate programmes, agreements and contracts to be drawn up by the competent authorities, organizations and enterprises of the two countries.

*Article IV.* In the implementation of this Agreement, the Contracting Parties shall endeavour to facilitate the movement of materials and equipment, transfer of payments and travel of persons between them in accordance with the laws and regulations in force in the two countries.

*Article V.* 1. The Government of the Republic of Finland hereby designates the Ministry for Foreign Affairs, and the Government of the Federal Republic of Nigeria hereby designates the Federal Ministry of National Planning as the appropriate organs for the purpose of implementing this Agreement and other matters relating thereto.

2. Each Contracting Party shall have the right to designate in writing, at any time, any other appropriate body, organisation or Ministry in place of that already designated in the preceding paragraph.

*Article VI.* Persons acting under the authority of one Contracting Party in fulfilling any obligations in the territory of the other Contracting Party under this Agreement or under any separate protocol, contract or agreement made thereunder, shall observe the laws and regulations in force in the host country. Such persons shall carry out their duties in close consultation with the other Contracting Party or with persons or bodies nominated by it.

*Article VII.* Official economic survey teams, technical experts, research missions, consultant engineers and other specialists acting on behalf of one Contracting Party and requested by the other to perform specific assignments under this Agreement shall deposit copies of the report of their work with the

other Contracting Party. Neither Contracting Party shall give such reports to third parties without the written consent of the other Contracting Party.

*Article VIII.* The Contracting Parties agree to set up a Joint Commission to monitor the implementation of this Agreement. The Joint Commission shall also explore new fields of cooperation presented by either Party. The Joint Commission shall meet alternately in Finland and in Nigeria. The Joint Commission may, if it finds it appropriate, establish working groups to deal with specific subjects brought before it.

*Article IX.* The Contracting Parties shall strive to settle any problem, dispute or difference between them and connected with this Agreement through mutual negotiation.

*Article X.* Nothing in this Agreement shall be construed either to prejudice other arrangements for co-operation between the two governments or derogate from any existing international obligation of either Contracting Party.

*Article XI.* 1. This Agreement shall enter into force thirty days after the Contracting Parties have notified each other that the legal or constitutional formalities for the entry into force of this Agreement have been complied with. It shall be valid for a period of five years from the date of its entering into force.

2. This Agreement shall automatically be extended for additional periods of one year each unless either Party notifies the other of the intention to terminate the Agreement ninety days prior to the expiration of each period of one year.

3. At the termination of this Agreement, its provisions and the provisions of any separate protocols, contracts or agreements made in that respect, shall continue to govern any unexpired and existing obligations or projects, assumed or commenced thereunder.

DONE at Lagos this 18th day of March 1981 in two originals in the English language.

For the Government of the Republic of Finland:  
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For the Government of the Federal Republic of Nigeria:  
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