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**NETHERLANDS  
and  
SRI LANKA**

**Agreement on technical co-operation. Signed at Colombo on  
4 September 1981**

*Authentic text: English.*

*Registered by the Netherlands on 21 October 1982.*

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*Enregistré par les Pays-Bas le 21 octobre 1982.*

## AGREEMENT<sup>1</sup> ON TECHNICAL COOPERATION BETWEEN THE KINGDOM OF THE NETHERLANDS AND THE DEMOCRATIC SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF SRI LANKA

The Government of the Kingdom of the Netherlands and the Government of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka,

Reaffirming the friendly relations between the two States and their peoples;

Firmly desirous to intensify those relations;

Desiring to promote technical cooperation, and to create for that purpose the necessary legal and administrative framework;

Have agreed as follows:

*Article I.* 1. The aim of this Agreement shall be to promote technical co-operation and to create to that effect the legal and administrative framework for technical cooperation projects upon which the competent administrative authorities of the two Parties may decide for the purpose of implementing this Agreement.

2. A decision to cooperate as referred to in paragraph 1 above, the contribution to those projects and the manner in which the projects are to be implemented shall in each case be laid down in an arrangement to be established by the respective competent administrative authorities, in accordance with the principles embodied in this Agreement.

*Article II.* In connection with the projects, the Government of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka shall:

- a. Exempt the Netherlands advisers, experts, technicians, agents or employees supplied by the Government of the Netherlands (hereinafter referred to as "The Netherlands personnel") under the terms of this Agreement from all taxes and other fiscal charges in respect of all remunerations paid to them by the Netherlands Government;
- b. Facilitate the prompt clearance, free of customs duty, of professional equipment imported into Sri Lanka by the Netherlands personnel. This provision will also cover bona fide personal and household effects and one motor vehicle for each member of the Netherlands personnel brought into Sri Lanka within 6 months of arrival. The household effects and motor vehicles so imported under this clause shall be reexported from Sri Lanka at the time of departure or disposed of as directed by the Government of Sri Lanka;
- c. Make provisions for the issue of entry-visas and work-permits, free of charge, to the Netherlands personnel employed or to be employed on a project by the Netherlands Government;
- d. Grant the Netherlands personnel the most favourable exchange facilities, i.e., external accounts, for all their Netherlands remunerations;
- e. Offer the Netherlands personnel and their families in Sri Lanka repatriation facilities in time of national or international crises;

<sup>1</sup> Came into force on 2 March 1982, the date of the last of the notifications (effected on 7 October 1981 and 2 March 1982) by which the Parties informed each other of the completion of their constitutional procedures, in accordance with article VII (1).

- f. Issue to the Netherlands personnel an identification document in which is stated the name of the holder, the post he holds and the name of the sending agency or organization;
- g. Ensure that the Netherlands personnel and their families are accorded treatment of a manner no less favourable than that accorded to technical assistance personnel assigned to Sri Lanka by any other country or international organization.

*Article III.* 1. The Government of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka shall indemnify the Netherlands personnel against all civil liability directly arising out of the execution of their duties under this Agreement, other than such acts as are criminal or fraudulent;

2. If the Government of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka so request, the Government of the Netherlands shall provide the competent authorities of Sri Lanka with the administrative or legal assistance required to achieve the satisfactory solution of any problems that may arise in connection with the application of paragraph 1 of this Article.

*Article IV.* 1. The provisions in this Agreement concerning Netherlands personnel shall apply equally to all persons, other than nationals of Sri Lanka, employed by the Netherlands Government and to all persons, other than nationals of Sri Lanka, employed by companies with which the Netherlands Government has concluded a contract to engage in operations governed by or undertaken in connection with this Agreement.

2. The Netherlands personnel made available may perform operational or advisory duties.

*Article V.* 1. The Government of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka shall exempt from all import and export duties the equipment, including motor vehicles and other supplies provided by the Netherlands Government in connection with the projects referred to in Article I, provided such goods are reexported or disposed of as directed by the Government of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka at the termination of the respective projects or earlier.

2. The Government of Sri Lanka shall do its utmost to facilitate the speedy handling, clearing and forwarding of goods referred to in paragraph 1 above upon arrival of such goods in Sri Lanka.

3. Without prejudice to the exchange control regulations of Sri Lanka no currency or foreign exchange restrictions shall be imposed on funds introduced into Sri Lanka from external sources by the Government of the Netherlands for purposes in accordance with the Agreement. Balances on bank accounts exclusively fed with such funds shall be freely transferable into any convertible currency.

*Article VI.* For the follow up and evaluation of the cooperation under this Agreement the competent authorities shall, whenever needed, be available to each other for consultation and shall give each other such relevant information on the cooperation as may be reasonably requested.

The Government of Sri Lanka shall furthermore, whenever appropriate and practicable, enable representatives of the Government of the Netherlands to study the various activities supported by the Netherlands Government.

*Article VII.* 1. This Agreement shall enter into force on the date on which the two Governments have given each other written notification that the procedures constitutionally required therefore in their respective countries have been complied with.

2. This Agreement shall remain in force for an initial period of two years. If neither Government declares its intention to terminate the Agreement three months before it expires, the Agreement shall each time be tacitly renewed for a further period of one year.

3. In respect of projects started before the date of termination of this Agreement, the foregoing articles shall continue to apply until the project has been terminated.

4. This Agreement shall automatically terminate when a general multilateral agreement on technical cooperation, involving both Governments, comes into force.

5. With respect to the Kingdom of the Netherlands, this Agreement shall apply to the European part of the Kingdom only.

DONE at Colombo, this fourth day of September 1981 in duplicate in the English language.

For the Government  
of the Kingdom  
of the Netherlands:  
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