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**NETHERLANDS
and
COSTA RICA**

Agreement on privileges and immunities of experts assigned to Costa Rica by the Government of the Netherlands for technical co-operation purposes. Signed at San José on 13 November 1980

Authentic texts: Dutch and Spanish.

Registered by the Netherlands on 21 October 1982.

**PAYS-BAS
et
COSTA RICA**

Accord relatif aux privilèges et immunités des experts néerlandais détachés au Costa Rica par le Gouvernement des Pays-Bas au titre de la coopération technique. Signé à San José le 13 novembre 1980

Textes authentiques : néerlandais et espagnol.

Enregistré par les Pays-Bas le 21 octobre 1982.

[TRANSLATION — TRADUCTION]

AGREEMENT¹ ON PRIVILEGES AND IMMUNITIES OF EXPERTS
ASSIGNED TO COSTA RICA BY THE GOVERNMENT OF
THE NETHERLANDS FOR TECHNICAL CO-OPERATION
PURPOSES

The Government of the Kingdom of the Netherlands and the Government of the Republic of Costa Rica,

Considering:

1. That for several years the Government of the Netherlands, at the request of the Government of Costa Rica, has been assigning various experts for the purpose of providing advice to Costa Rica and working in specific fields for technical co-operation purposes,
2. That the two Governments are prepared to maintain this policy of assigning experts, in view of the favourable results obtained therefrom,
3. That, consequently, it is necessary to determine the rights, privileges and immunities which such experts and their families shall enjoy,

Have therefore agreed to conclude the following Agreement on the privileges and immunities of experts assigned to Costa Rica by the Government of the Netherlands for technical co-operation purposes:

Article 1. The Government of the Republic of Costa Rica and the Government of the Kingdom of the Netherlands have decided to conclude the following Agreement on the privileges and immunities of experts assigned to Costa Rica by the Government of the Netherlands for international technical co-operation purposes.

Article 2. The following basic provision shall, for the duration of their stay in Costa Rican territory, apply to teachers, engineers, experts and other technicians assigned to Costa Rica under this Agreement and other supplementary agreements that may be concluded:

- (a) Exemption from all categories of taxes on furniture, personal effects and professional equipment brought into the country by the said persons and members of their families, within the six months immediately following their arrival, provided that the items are re-exported from Costa Rica upon their departure, or within a period to be agreed by the Government of Costa Rica. Exemption shall also be granted from all categories of taxes on the import of a motor vehicle; such vehicles shall be subject to the same regulations in respect of the transfer of title as the Government of Costa Rica applies to experts of the United Nations and its specialized agencies.
- (b) Exemption from taxes on earned income, provided that it originates in the Netherlands or in a Costa Rican enterprise if it is the employer.
- (c) Granting of the same treatment in respect of their funds and earned income as is applied to members of the United Nations and its specialized agencies.

¹ Came into force on 30 September 1981, the date of the last of the notifications by which the Contracting Parties informed each other of the completion of their requirements, in accordance with article 4.

- (d) Issuing of entry visas and work permits free of charge.
- (e) Issuing of identity papers assuring them that they will receive every assistance from the competent Costa Rican authorities in the performance of their duties.
- (f) Immunity from jurisdiction for acts performed in the line of duty. This provision shall not apply in the event of proceedings instituted by a third party for injuries caused by a motor vehicle, boat or plane accident, or from negligence, carelessness or fraud.
- (g) Arranging for repatriation in times of national or international crisis.

Article 3. The provisions of the preceding article shall apply to advisers already assigned and present in Costa Rica retroactively from the date of their first arrival.

Article 4. This Agreement shall enter into force on the date on which the Contracting Parties have notified each other in writing that all of the requirements have been fulfilled.

Article 5. This Agreement shall remain in force for a period of one year.

Article 6. With regard to the Kingdom of the Netherlands, this Agreement shall apply only to the European part of the Kingdom.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned, being duly authorized thereto, have signed this Agreement in the City of San José, on 13 November 1980, in the Casa Amarilla, the seat of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Worship, in duplicate, one in Dutch and the other in Spanish, both texts being equally valid and authentic.

For the Government
of the Netherlands:
EFRAÍN JONCKHEER
Ambassador Extraordinary
and Plenipotentiary

For the Government
of the Republic of Costa Rica:
BERND H. NIEHAUS Q.
Minister for Foreign Affairs
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