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PROTOCOL¹ ON AGRICULTURAL COOPERATION BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED ARAB EMIRATES AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

The Government of the United Arab Emirates and the Government of the Philippines, desirous of developing friendly relations and cooperation between the two countries in the field of agriculture and fisheries on the basis of mutual respect and benefit, have agreed as follows:

Article 1. To facilitate the development of agriculture and fisheries in the two countries, the Government of the Philippines shall provide technical and managerial expertise in these spheres to meet the requirements of the United Arab Emirates on request from the competent authority in the U.A.E.

Article 2. The cooperating countries shall exchange scientific and technical information as well as publications and other literature on agriculture and fisheries and encourage visits by experts from each country to the other.

Article 3. Both parties have agreed to execute the cooperative activities attached to this Protocol (annex I). Each activity to be executed in furtherance of this Protocol shall be covered by specific terms of reference.

Article 4. Financial arrangements for these activities and for the exchange of experts and specialists and the training of technical people shall be agreed upon prior to implementation. Such arrangements shall be in accordance with the regulations and practices of the two countries.

Article 5. United Arab Emirates will be given preferential treatment by the Philippines in the supply of food and agricultural commodity requirements that are produced in the Philippines. The United Arab Emirates will give preferential treatment to the Philippines in the purchase of food and agricultural commodities that are produced in the Philippines.

In this connection the U.A.E. shall consider joint venture investments in the Philippines to produce food and agriculture for export to the U.A.E., for the purpose of assuring the U.A.E. of stable supplies.

Article 6. An Agricultural Joint Committee will be established by the two countries. This Committee will meet once annually in Abu Dhabi and once annually in Manila to study and formulate detailed programmes for cooperation in the fields of agriculture and fisheries. These programmes may be implemented by governmental institutions or by private enterprise in accordance with laws and practices of the two countries.

Article 7. Any difficulties that may arise concerning the implementation of this Protocol will be resolved by the Agricultural Joint Committee.

Article 8. Nothing in this Protocol shall contravene the provisions of any agreement signed by either party with any other country or international organization.

Article 9. This Protocol shall remain in force for five years from the date of its signature by the two countries. It shall automatically be renewed for a similar period unless either side notifies the other in writing six months before its expiration of its unwillingness for renewal.

¹ Came into force on 14 April 1981 by signature, in accordance with article 9.

DONE at Abu Dhabi on this 14th day of April 1981 in the Arabic and English languages, both texts being equally authoritative. In the event of dispute over interpretation, the English text shall prevail.

On behalf of the Government
of the United Arab Emirates:

[Signed]

SAEED MOHAMMED AL RAGABANI
Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries

On behalf of the Government
of the Philippines:

[Signed]

ARTURO R. TANCO, Jr.
Minister of Agriculture

ANNEX I

According to article 3 of the Protocol, the two parties have agreed to the following:

I. *In the field of nurseries*

Since the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries of the U.A.E. desires to establish fruit tree nurseries, especially tropical fruits, in the East Coast and the Central Region, and since the Philippines delegation expressed their interest to cooperate in technical and operational management of these nurseries as well as training of U.A.E. technical personnel, an agreement has been reached to carry out the following:

1. The Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries of the U.A.E. will select the site and prepare the infrastructure of the nursery project.
2. The cooperative nursery programme involves the establishment of indigenous root stock of mangoes on which exotic varieties will be grafted. The Ministry of Agriculture of the Philippines will provide suitable scions as well as qualified technicians to undertake the grafting.
3. The Ministry of Agriculture of the Philippines will provide the required technical staff according to an agreement which will govern the financial and implementing details.

II. *East Coast and Central Region fruit farms*

The two parties have agreed to the following:

1. The Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries of the U.A.E. will prepare the land, install the irrigation system and the necessary infrastructure.
2. The Ministry of Agriculture of the Philippines will select the Project Manager to supervise the completion of the infrastructure and determine the operational requirements.

III. *In the field of research and training*

1. The Ministry of Agriculture of the Philippines will make available to the U.A.E. the use of the technical manpower and research facilities of the institute of plant breeding in exploring the [asexual] propagation of date palms and other fruit trees.

2. The Ministry of Agriculture of the Philippines will provide the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries of the U.A.E. with an international mango collection to be tested for adaptation under prevailing adverse conditions.

3. The Ministry of Agriculture of the Philippines will arrange for the training of necessary U.A.E. technical persons required for the implementation of the projects.

4. The Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries of the U.A.E. requires the immediate services of three B.Sc. graduates with special training and experience in nursery and orchard operations particularly mango and papaya according to U.A.E. employment

regulations. The Ministry of Agriculture of the Philippines will nominate qualified persons.

IV. *In the field of fisheries*

Since the Philippines has the experience in fish and shrimp culture and since the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries of the U.A.E. has expressed its desire to implement aquaculture in the U.A.E., if such is proven feasible, the two parties have agreed to the following:

1. The Ministry of Agriculture of the Philippines will provide the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries of the U.A.E. within six weeks of the date of signing of this Protocol one expert in Fish and Shrimp Culture and another expert in Aquaculture Engineering. These experts will submit a report regarding the technical feasibility of implementing aquaculture in a suitable site chosen by the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries of the U.A.E. on recommendation of the Philippino experts. The mentioned report will be submitted within one month after completing their investigation which will not exceed thirty days stay in the U.A.E.

The Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries of the U.A.E. will be responsible for the cost of transportation of the two experts between the Philippines and the United Arab Emirates and back to the Philippines in addition to local transportation within the U.A.E. and the cost of board and lodging within the U.A.E.

The Ministry of Agriculture of the Philippines will bear the salaries and other emoluments of the Philippino experts.

2. In addition, the Ministry of Agriculture of the Philippines will nominate several experts in the fields of Aquaculture and Fisheries Research. The Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries of the U.A.E. will select from among the nominees one expert on fish and shrimp culture and another expert on fisheries resource survey and ichthyology, and these two experts shall work under the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries of the U.A.E. in accordance with the employment regulations of the U.A.E.