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and
EGYPT**

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Registered by Israel on 12 February 1982.*

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AGREEMENT¹ ON TRADE AND COMMERCE BETWEEN THE STATE OF ISRAEL AND THE ARAB REPUBLIC OF EGYPT

Desiring to normalize relations between their two countries in accordance with the Treaty of Peace done in Washington, D.C. on the 26th of March 1979,² and in pursuance of Article III thereof, and Annex III, Article 2 thereof,

Desiring to encourage trade relations between the two countries, and to promote such relations on the basis of equality and mutual advantage,

The Government of the State of Israel and the Government of the Arab Republic of Egypt

Have agreed as follows:

Article I. To ensure the free movement of goods between the two countries, each party will make available to the other party, laws, regulations and procedures prevailing in his country, concerning the importation and the exportation of goods and commodities, customs tariffs and other duties and excise, as well as any amendments or alterations thereto.

Article II. The exchange of goods and commodities between the two countries shall be effected in accordance with the laws, rules, regulations governing import and export regime in each country.

The parties, subject to their laws and regulations, and when so required, shall grant import licenses after an application is made by the importer to the competent authorities in either country.

Article III. A) Both parties shall act in their mutual trade relations, in accordance with all the rights, duties and privileges determined in the international Conventions to which they both adhered.

B) Both parties shall accord to each other most-favoured-nation treatment.

In accordance with Article 24 of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade,³ the provisions of Article III of this Agreement, relating to the most-favoured-nation treatment shall not apply to the following:

- 1) Preferences and advantages accorded to the Arab countries by the Arab Republic of Egypt.
- 2) Preferences and advantages which result from any custom union or free trade area to which either of the two parties is or may become a party.
- 3) Preferences and advantages resulting from multilateral arrangements aiming to establish or accomplish any form of integration, to which either of the two parties is or may become a party.

Article IV. In accordance with its laws, regulations, and trade practice with the other countries, either party may require that a certificate of origin is to be issued

¹ Came into force on 4 May 1981 by the exchange of the instruments of ratification, which took place at Jerusalem, in accordance with article X.

² United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 1136, p. 100, and vol. 1138, p. 59.

³ *Ibid.*, vol. 55, p. 187.

and authenticated by the competent authorities designated for such, in connection with the goods and commodities imported from the other party.

If so decided, the exporting party has to comply with such.

Article V. Each party shall comply with the other's quarantine, phytosanitary, veterinary and health regulations and shall recognize the certificates issued by the relevant authorities in respect of agricultural products fresh and processed, as well as animals, products of animal origin, biological products, and products destined for animal feeding.

Such certificates shall be issued in accordance with the requirements of the importing country and with the international regulations, and signed by the authorized officials.

Article VI. In order to enhance the performance of trade relations, each party, in accordance with its prevailing laws and regulations, shall permit and facilitate in its country the setting up by the other party of trade centres, participation in exhibitions and fairs, and visits of trade delegations, and will facilitate according to the normal practice the access of samples and goods destined for exhibitions and fairs.

Article VII. Payments between the two countries shall be effected in any convertible currency, in accordance with the prevailing exchange laws and currency regulations in each country.

Article VIII. In order to facilitate and to follow up the implementation of this agreement, a joint committee composed of representatives of both parties shall be established, and shall meet once a year or whenever agreed by the two parties, alternately in each country.

Article IX. The task of this joint committee shall be:

- A) To review the administration of this agreement.
- B) To review the progress of trade and the flow of goods and commodities between the two countries.
- C) To consult and to solve problems which may derive from putting this agreement into practice.
- D) To co-ordinate the transfer of information agreed upon.
- E) To review any matter that may be raised by either party.

Article X. This agreement is subject to the necessary requirements and procedures of ratification in each country, and shall enter into force upon exchanging instruments of ratification between the two countries.

Article XI. This agreement shall be valid for one year starting from the date it enters into force, and shall be extended automatically for equivalent periods of one year each, unless either of the two parties notifies the other of its intention to terminate it, before three months prior to the expiry of each yearly period.

DONE AND SIGNED in Cairo, on May 8, 1980, in two originals in each of the Hebrew, Arabic and English languages, all the three texts being equally authentic. In case of divergent interpretation, the English text shall prevail.

For the Government
of the State of Israel:

*[Signed — Signé]*¹

For the Government
of the Arab Republic of Egypt:

*[Signed — Signé]*²

¹ Signed by Eliahu Ben Elissar — Signé par Eliahu Ben Elissar.

² Signed by H. Kamal Hassenein — Signé par H. Kamal Hassenein.