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AND NORTHERN IRELAND
and
IRAQ**

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AGREEMENT¹ BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF IRAQ ON ECONOMIC AND TECHNICAL CO-OPERATION

The Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and Government of the Republic of Iraq, convinced of the importance of strengthening, expanding and diversifying economic and technical co-operation between their two countries on the basis of equity and mutual interest, have agreed as follows and appointed as their plenipotentiaries who have exchanged their powers, found to be in good and due form.

The Rt. Hon. John Biffen, Secretary of State for Trade, for the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

His Excellency Mr. Hassan Ali, Member of the Revolutionary Command Council, Minister of Trade, for the Government of the Republic of Iraq.

Article 1. The two Governments shall, in accordance with the objectives of this Agreement, do their utmost to develop and strengthen economic and technical co-operation between their two countries by all possible means to their mutual benefit particularly in the following fields:

- (a) Industry, including steel production;
- (b) Agriculture;
- (c) Oil Industry and Petrochemicals;
- (d) Electric Power Generation, Transmission and Distribution;
- (e) Public Works, including housing, the water sector and sewerage;
- (f) Transport and Communications;
- (g) Health and Medicine;
- (h) Transfer of technology.

Article 2. For the purpose of developing and expanding trade between the two countries, the two Governments shall encourage and facilitate the promotion and conclusion of contracts between the relevant organizations and companies, preferably on a long-term basis.

Article 3. Each Government undertakes to facilitate:

- (a) The provision to the organizations and companies of the other country working in the field of mutual co-operation of all appropriate facilities for carrying out their work;
- (b) The elimination of obstacles which may arise from implementation of contracts;
- (c) The movement of citizens working within the scope of this Agreement in both countries.

¹ Came into force on 22 August 1981 by an exchange of notes confirming its approval, in accordance with article 13.

Article 4. The Government of the United Kingdom shall facilitate the promotional activities of Iraqi organizations engaged in exporting Iraqi products to the United Kingdom.

Article 5. The Government of the United Kingdom shall recommend and encourage those concerned to take into consideration the following principles in submitting their offers and contracts:

- (a) High quality of the technical specifications;
- (b) Speed in submitting offers, concluding contracts and implementing projects;
- (c) Competitive prices;
- (d) Providing spare parts, equipment, materials and after-sales service at competitive prices.

Article 6. (1) The two Governments shall use their best endeavours to promote technical co-operation, including facilitating the transfer of modern technology, between relevant organizations and companies.

(2) The two Governments undertake to implement, or facilitate the implementation of, technical co-operation which may include the following measures:

- (a) Exchange of visits of specialized personnel;
- (b) Study by Iraqi personnel at British universities, institutes and other training facilities;
- (c) Training of Iraqis in all fields referred to in Article 1 of this Agreement;
- (d) The provision of British technical expertise to establish technical institutes, in the fields of agriculture, industry and engineering consultancy, in design and construction in Iraq;
- (e) Exchange of scientific and technical information;
- (f) Any other fields for technical co-operation to be agreed upon by the two Governments.

(3) The two Governments shall agree upon the financial arrangements arising out of implementing any technical co-operation mentioned in this Article, in which United Kingdom Government finance is involved.

Article 7. (1) Each Government shall encourage participation in international fairs held in either country and the setting up of fairs as well as the provision of all necessary facilities for the importation of samples for advertising purposes, goods and articles for display, tools and other instruments for erection purposes and all necessary measures in accordance with the laws and regulations in force in either country.

(2) Each Government shall in accordance with the laws and regulations in force in the importing country, grant relief from duties, taxes and all other statutory charges payable at importation of goods temporarily imported from the other country for the purpose of being displayed at, or used in connection with, the running of general and specialised trade fairs. Such goods shall be re-exported unless the parties concerned mutually agree otherwise.

Article 8. (1) For the purpose of promoting the aims of this Agreement a Governmental Joint Commission which shall consist of representatives designated by each Government is hereby established.

(2) The Joint Commission shall meet at the request of either Government at a date to be mutually arranged on each occasion. The meetings shall be held alternately in Iraq and the United Kingdom.

(3) The Joint Commission shall:

- (a) Review and keep under consideration the implementation of the provisions of this Agreement;
- (b) Examine means of facilitating the conclusion and implementation of contracts between relevant organizations and companies;
- (c) Consider proposed measures for a continuing and substantial increase in trade between the two countries;
- (d) Consider proposed measures for the expansion of economic and technical co-operation between relevant organizations and companies;
- (e) Encourage and facilitate the exchange of ideas and information in the field of technology;
- (f) Review progress in the promotion of technical co-operation and examine the financial arrangements referred to in paragraph (3) of Article 6 between the relevant organizations of each country;
- (g) Consider annual programmes of technical co-operation which may be submitted by either Government.

(4) The Joint Commission may submit to the two Governments recommendations relating to the matters referred to in paragraph (3) of this Article.

Article 9. The Joint Commission may endeavour to facilitate the amicable settlement of any problems or disputes arising from any contracts and arrangements concluded within the scope of this Agreement. This shall be without prejudice to the application of the specific provisions for the settlement of disputes stipulated in the relevant contracts.

Article 10. Contracts concluded and arrangements agreed between the relevant organizations and companies shall be in accordance with the laws and regulations of either country.

Article 11. Payments arising out of trade and other transactions shall be settled in any mutually acceptable convertible currency, in accordance with the terms of the relevant contracts and with the foreign exchange regulations in force in the two countries.

Article 12. The provisions of this Agreement shall remain in force in respect of any contract during its period of validity and in accordance with its provisions, even after termination of this Agreement.

Article 13. This Agreement shall be subject to the approval of the competent authorities in both countries in accordance with the constitutional procedures in each country, and shall enter into force on the date of exchanging notes confirming its approval by the two Governments.

Article 14. The validity of this Agreement is five years. It shall be automatically renewed for similar periods, unless either party notifies the other in writing through the diplomatic channel of its intention to terminate it at least six months prior to the date of its expiration.

This Agreement may be amended at any time by mutual consent of the two Governments, which shall be subject to the same procedures mentioned in Article 13.

DONE at London on the 24th day of June 1981 in two original copies in the English and Arabic languages, both texts being equally authentic.

For the Government of the United Kingdom
of Great Britain and Northern Ireland:

[Signed]

JOHN BIFFEN

For the Government of the Republic of Iraq:

[Signed]

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