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[TRANSLATION - TRADUCTION]

CONVENTION¹ CONCERNING ECONOMIC, CULTURAL, TECHNICAL AND SCIENTIFIC CO-OPERATION BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE STATE OF ISRAEL AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE RE-PUBLIC OF COSTA RICA

The Government of the State of Israel and the Government of the Republic of Costa Rica, desiring to strengthen the ties existing between the two countries and considering that a Convention concerning cultural exchanges was signed between them in July 1962² and ratified in May 1963, and believing that it is necessary to extend mutual co-operation, have decided to conclude this Convention concerning economic, cultural, technical and scientific co-operation, for the purpose of which they are represented by Mr. Abba Eban, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the State of Israel, and Mr. Gonzalo J. Facio, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Costa Rica.

Article 1. The two Parties agree to study jointly possible fields of economic, cultural, scientific and technical co-operation between their respective countries, bearing in mind their national plans and other concurrent factors which may be of mutual advantage with a view to expediting economic development and raising the levels of living of their peoples.

Article 2. The two Parties shall study the possibility of intensifying commercial and economic relations, investments of mutual advantage for the Parties, the establishment of joint enterprises and the preparation of economic development projects.

Article 3. The two Parties undertake to intensify co-operation programmes and shall consult each other for the purpose of providing further details and jointly preparing supplementary agreements, bearing in mind the needs and possibilities of their economic and social development.

Article 4. The Contracting Parties shall facilitate the development of cultural exchanges, jointly supporting projects to this end, and shall promote and facilitate cultural, scientific and artistic exchanges, such as: (a) the mutual encouragement of the work of researchers and scientists; (b) the exchange of national publications and books; (c) the exchange of national artistic reproductions, films and records, with a view to strengthening the spirit of collaboration and friendship between the two countries; (d) the exchange of teachers, researchers and scientists, authors, students and skilled workers, for which they shall adopt measures within their power; (e) the travel of their respective citizens referred to in the preceding subparagraph, to enable them to take part in artistic, scientific or sports meetings and competitions, with payment, as far as possible, of their travel costs from one country to the other and their subsistence expenses, unless the host country decides to pay them.

Article 5. The Contracting Parties shall endeavour to promote and facilitate tourism between the two countries, with a view to increasing mutual knowledge and further strengthening understanding between the two countries.

¹ Came into force on 17 May 1973 by the exchange of the instruments of ratification, which took place at San José, in accordance with article 10.

² United Nations, Treaty Series, vol. 484, p. 155.

Article 6. The Contracting Parties shall take the necessary measures for the implementation of the provisions referred to, and shall grant to each other every possible facility within the existing laws of the two countries.

Article 7. The specific technical co-operation projects and programmes which the two Governments decide to carry out shall be the subject of special agreements, and they shall be implemented in accordance with the relevant provisions of such agreements.

Article 8. The two Parties shall grant the following facilities under the supplementary agreements referred to in the preceding article:

- (a) Exemption from all import and export taxes and other duties for the capital, equipment and other items supplied by the Parties for the implementation of the technical cooperation programmes;
- (b) The same privileges for the experts, teachers or specialists seconded by the Parties as those accorded to officials of equal rank in the Basic Agreement signed with the United Nations;
- (c) Authorization to enter the country and residence permits for the experts, teachers and specialists and their families;
- (d) Exemption from taxes and other duties on the remuneration which the experts receive for the execution of projects.

Article 9. The commitments which the State of Israel and the Republic of Costa Rica have agreed to as a result of their participation in agreements concerning free-trade areas, subregional agreements, customs unions and other international economic agreements, shall not affect this Convention.

Article 10. This Convention shall be ratified in conformity with the legal requirements of each Contracting Party and shall enter into force with the exchange of the instruments of ratification.

Article 11. Either Contracting Party may denounce this Convention at any time in writing to the other Party, and the denunciation shall take effect one year after its receipt.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the officials named above have signed this Convention in two copies in the Hebrew and Spanish languages, both being equally authentic, and have affixed their seals thereto, in the city of Jerusalem on the 20th day of Ab 5731, corresponding to the 11th day of August 1971.

For the Government of the State of Israel: [Signed] ABBA EBAN Minister for Foreign Affairs For the Government of the Republic of Costa Rica: [Signed] GONZALO J. FACIO Minister for Foreign Affairs