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and
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BASIC AGREEMENT¹ ON TECHNICAL CO-OPERATION BETWEEN THE
GOVERNMENT OF SPAIN AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE
DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

The Government of Spain and the Government of the Dominican Republic,
Bearing in mind the strong historical ties between Spain and the Dominican Republic,
Desiring to consolidate the relations of steadfast friendship existing between their
respective countries,

Aware of their common interest in promoting the economic and social development
of the two nations,

Recognizing the mutual advantages which will result from the co-ordinated exchange
of scientific, technical and practical knowledge, in the pursuit of the above-mentioned
objectives,

Have agreed to conclude a Basic Agreement on technical co-operation, and, to that
end, appoint as their plenipotentiaries:

His Excellency the Head of the Spanish State: Mr. Gregorio López Bravo, Minister for
Foreign Affairs; and

His Excellency the President of the Dominican Republic: Dr. Víctor Gómez Bergés,
Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs;

who agree to the following:

Article I. 1. The two Parties shall co-operate in technical matters in all fields of
interest to them.

2. The two Parties shall jointly formulate and execute technical co-operation
programmes and projects for the purpose of accelerating and ensuring the economic
development and social welfare of the two nations.

3. Specific technical co-operation programmes and projects shall be carried out in
accordance with the provisions of this Agreement and, where appropriate, with those of
separate supplementary agreements in writing, based on this Agreement and drawn up by
the competent institutions of the two Parties.

Article II. The technical co-operation provided for in this Agreement and in any
supplementary agreements based on it may consist of:

- (a) The exchange of scientific and technological information, to be effected by institutions
designated by the two Parties, in particular, research and technology institutes, docu-
mentation centres and specialized libraries;
- (b) The exchange of technicians and experts to provide consultative and advisory services
for the study, preparation and implementation of specific programmes and projects;
- (c) The organization of seminars, lecture series, vocational training programmes and related
activities;

¹ Came into force on 27 June 1973, the date on which the Parties notified each other of the completion of the constitutional formalities, in accordance with article XI.

- (d) The awarding of fellowships or grants to candidates from the two countries, duly selected and designated, to participate in courses or programmes of vocational training, advanced training or specialization in the other country in fields of common interest;
- (e) The study, preparation and joint or co-ordinated execution of research and/or development programmes and projects;
- (f) The sending or exchange of materials and equipment necessary for the pursuance of the co-operation agreed upon;
- (g) The common use, through appropriate prior agreements, of scientific and technical installations;
- (h) Any other technical co-operation which may be agreed upon by the two countries.

Article III. The exchange of scientific and technological information provided for in the preceding article shall be governed by the following rules:

1. The Parties may communicate the information received to public agencies or public utility institutions and enterprises serving the public interest in which the Government has decision-making powers;
2. The Parties may limit or prohibit the dissemination of information referred to in any supplementary agreements drawn up in accordance with article 1, paragraph 3;
3. The dissemination of information may also be prohibited or limited when the other Party, or agencies designated by it, so decide prior to or during the exchange;
4. Each Party shall offer the other guarantees that persons authorized to receive information will not transmit such information to agencies or persons not authorized to receive it, in accordance with this article.

Article IV. The Parties may, whenever they deem it necessary, seek the participation of international organizations in the financing and/or implementation of programmes and projects arising from the arrangements for technical co-operation envisaged in this Agreement or in any supplementary agreements based on it.

Article V. The share of each Party in the financing of the technical co-operation programmes and projects implemented in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement shall, in each case, be set out in the supplementary agreements envisaged in article I, paragraph 3.

Article VI. 1. A Mixed Spanish-Dominican Commission shall be established with representatives of the Parties who shall meet at least once a year alternately in Spain or in the Dominican Republic in order to:

- (a) Identify and define the sectors in which it would be possible to implement specific technical co-operation programmes and projects, and to determine the priority which they should receive;
- (b) Propose, consider and approve technical co-operation programmes and projects;
- (c) Evaluate the results of the implementation of specific projects with a view to improving the efficiency of the activities undertaken under this Agreement.

2. Either Party may, at any time, submit to the other proposals for scientific and technological co-operation through the usual diplomatic channels.

Article VII. The technicians or experts who are to provide consultative and advisory services shall be selected by the Party sending them, bearing in mind the particulars of the request. The said Party shall communicate the names of such personnel and details of their qualifications to the other Party for its prior approval.

In the performance of their duties, such personnel shall maintain close contact with the competent authorities of the country in which they are serving and shall follow the instructions of those authorities for carrying out the provisions of this Agreement and any supplementary agreements based on it.

Article VIII. For the purposes of implementing the programmes and projects envisaged in this Agreement and any supplementary agreements based on it, the following conditions shall be observed:

1. Articles sent by one Party to the other, necessary for the implementation of the programmes and projects, shall be exempt from the payment of customs duties or any other fee, charge or tax and may not be assigned or transferred, whether for payment or free of charge, in the territory of the recipient country;
2. The salaries received from their country by the technicians, experts and research workers sent by one of the Parties to the territory of the other for the implementation of the programmes and projects shall not be subject to the payment of income tax;
3. The two Parties shall allow the technicians, experts and research workers engaged in the implementation of programmes and projects to import free of import duties and taxes and of consular or similar fees the following articles:
 - (a) Goods for personal use and for that of members of their families, provided that they observe the formalities governing such matters;
 - (b) One motor vehicle per person or family group, imported for their personal use. Such importation shall be authorized on a temporary basis and shall be subject to the formalities in force in each of the two countries.

Upon termination of the official mission the same facilities shall be granted for the export of the above-mentioned articles;

4. The Parties shall allow the technicians, experts and research workers to transfer freely to their country of origin the remuneration which they receive in the performance of their duties;
5. Each Party shall grant to the technicians, experts and research workers sent by the other any additional facilities which the administrative authorities of the host country may subsequently accord to bilateral technical co-operation personnel;
6. The exemptions and facilities listed in the above paragraphs shall be granted by the Parties on a reciprocal basis and in accordance with the national legislation of the respective countries.

Article IX. Each Party shall adopt the necessary measures to facilitate the entry, stay and movement of the technicians, experts and research workers from the other Party who are performing their duties under this Agreement and any supplementary agreements based on it, subject to the provisions of its legislation on aliens.

Article X. The competent authorities of each Party shall, in accordance with the national legislation in force in the two countries, programme and co-ordinate the implementation of the international technical co-operation envisaged in this Agreement and in any supplementary agreements based on it and shall make the necessary arrangements to that end. These functions shall be performed, in the case of Spain, by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and, in the case of the Dominican Republic, by the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs.

Article XI. This Agreement shall enter into force on the date on which the two Parties notify each other of the completion of the requisite constitutional or legal formalities.

Article XII. 1. This Agreement shall remain in force for a period of five years and shall be automatically renewable for periods of one year, unless either Party notifies the other in writing, at least three months in advance, that it has decided against renewal.

2. This Agreement may be denounced in writing by either Party and shall cease to have effect three months after the date on which notice of termination is given.

3. The denunciation shall not affect the programmes and projects already in progress, unless the Parties agree otherwise.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, the plenipotentiaries of the two Governments hereby sign this Agreement, in duplicate, both copies being equally authentic, and thereto affix their respective seals.

DONE at Madrid on 2 June 1973.

For the Spanish Government:

[*Signed*]

GREGORIO LÓPEZ BRAVO
Minister for Foreign Affairs

For the Government
of the Dominican Republic:

[*Signed*]

VICTOR GÓMEZ BERGÉS
Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs