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NETHERLANDS
and
EGYPT

Agreement concerning the Netherlands Institute of Archaeology and Arabic Studies at Cairo (with exchange of notes dated 21 April and 10 May 1983). Signed at Cairo on 25 May 1983

Authentic text: English.

Registered by the Netherlands on 18 June 1984.

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et
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Accord relatif à l'Institut néerlandais d'archéologie et d'études arabes du Caire (avec échange de notes en date des 21 avril et 10 mai 1983). Signé au Caire le 25 mai 1983

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AGREEMENT¹ BETWEEN THE KINGDOM OF THE NETHERLANDS AND THE ARAB REPUBLIC OF EGYPT CONCERNING THE NETHERLANDS INSTITUTE OF ARCHAEOLOGY AND ARABIC STUDIES AT CAIRO

The Kingdom of the Netherlands and the Arab Republic of Egypt,

Desiring to further strengthen the cooperation between their respective countries provided for under the Cultural Agreement which was concluded by both parties in The Hague on 8 December 1960;²

Have agreed as follows:

Article 1. The Netherlands Institute of Archaeology and Arabic Studies, hereinafter referred to as “the Institute”, shall be an institution that has legal personality under Egyptian law and is established in Cairo by the University of Leiden.

Article 2. The object of the Institute shall be to promote Egyptology, archaeology, papyrology and Hellenistic and Coptic studies as well as Arabic studies in the broadest sense.

Article 3. In order to achieve this aim the Institute:

- a) Shall regularly issue publications on subjects related to the scientific studies referred to in Article 2;
- b) Shall administer a library for the study of these scientific topics;
- c) Shall offer hospitality and where possible provide assistance to Netherlands citizens who are staying in the Arab Republic of Egypt for the purposes of study or research, or both, and may similarly offer hospitality and where possible provide assistance to persons other than those of Netherlands nationality who are staying in the Arab Republic of Egypt for the purposes of conducting scientific research on behalf of or in cooperation with Netherlands institutes for scientific research;
- d) Shall cooperate with Netherlands archaeological expeditions, the Institute’s building acting as base;
- e) Shall in general make its facilities available for the purposes of disseminating information on Netherlands science and culture.

Article 4. The general management of the Institute and the management of research conducted in it shall be the responsibility of a Board of Governors consisting of not more than nine members. The following persons shall be members of the Board:

- a) A professor of Arabic from the University of Leiden;
- b) Another professor from the University of Leiden;

¹ Came into force on 1 February 1984, i.e., the first day of the second month after the Parties had informed each other (on 20 October and 10 December 1983) of the completion of the required constitutional procedures, in accordance with article 11.

² United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 455, p. 275.

- c) A representative of the National Museum of Antiquities in Leiden;
- d) Members of the research staff of Netherlands universities.

Article 5. The day-to-day management of the Institute shall be the responsibility of the Director of the Institute.

Article 6. The Government of the Arab Republic of Egypt shall grant the Director and the Netherlands staff of the Institute as well as members of their families all facilities related to their entry into and stay in Egyptian territory, in accordance with the legislation of the Arab Republic of Egypt, notably with respect to the provision of residence and work permits free of charge to the above-mentioned persons of Netherlands nationality.

Article 7. The Government of the Arab Republic of Egypt shall exempt the Director and the Netherlands staff of the Institute and the members of their families from customs duties and other import taxes or duties on new or used household effects and personal belongings imported into Egypt within six months of their arrival, provided that such goods are re-exported from Egypt at the time of departure or within such period thereafter as may be acceptable to the Government of the Arab Republic of Egypt.

Article 8. The Government of the Arab Republic of Egypt shall make provision for the duty-free importation or purchase from bond by the Institute of one motor-vehicle, provided that such vehicle, if sold to a person not likewise privileged, shall be subject to customs duties according to Egyptian law.

The Government of the Arab Republic of Egypt shall make provision for the duty-free importation or purchase from bond by the Director or the Netherlands staff of the Institute of a motor-vehicle within six months of first arrival in Egypt, provided that such vehicle, if sold to a person not likewise privileged, shall be subject to customs duties according to Egyptian law.

Article 9. The Institute shall enjoy the following fiscal privileges, which do not include the amounts payable for services rendered:

- a) Exception from all taxes, charges and payments for acquisition, whether or not there is any valuable consideration, and use of land and buildings intended to serve as the seat of the Institute;
- b) Exemption from import duties and all other charges on the import of furniture, teaching and research material, and books and publications needed for the setting up and functioning of the institute.

Article 10. The Egyptian authorities shall provide all administrative facilities required for the distribution outside Egypt of publications produced under the responsibility of the Institute.

Article 11. This Agreement shall enter into force on the first day of the second month after the date on which both Governments have informed each other in writing that the procedures constitutionally required therefore in their respective countries have been complied with.

Article 12. With respect to the Kingdom of the Netherlands, this Agreement shall apply solely to the part of the Kingdom in Europe.

Article 13. This Agreement shall remain in force for an initial period of three years. If it has not been denounced three months before the date of its termination, it shall be tacitly renewed for periods of two years at a time.

Each Government shall then have the right to denounce the Agreement at any time by giving three months' notice to the other Government.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the undersigned, being duly authorized thereto by their respective Governments, have signed this Agreement.

DONE in duplicate in the English language at Cairo on May 25, 1983.

For the Kingdom of the Netherlands:

Mr. P. BUWALDA
Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Her Majesty the Queen of the Netherlands at Cairo

[Signed]

For the Arab Republic of Egypt:

Ambassador ALY SHAWKY EL HADIDY
Director of the Cultural Relation and Technical Cooperation Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs

[Signed]

EXCHANGE OF NOTES

I

No. 2763

The Royal Netherlands Embassy presents its compliments to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Arab Republic of Egypt and, referring to the agreement concerning the Netherlands Institute of Archaeology and Arabic Studies, which is to be signed once a date will have been set by the Ministry, the Embassy has the honour to inform the Ministry that it is the understanding of the Government of the Kingdom of the Netherlands, that the Government of the Arab Republic of Egypt will not levy any taxes or other fiscal charges in respect of all remunerations paid to the Director and the Netherlands personnel of the Institute out of Netherlands public funds and remitted to them from overseas.

The Embassy would be grateful to the Ministry if it could confirm that this understanding is correct.

The Royal Netherlands Embassy avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Arab Republic of Egypt the assurances of its highest consideration.

Cairo, April 21, 1983

Ministry of Foreign Affairs
International Relations Department
European Section
Cairo

cc: Ministry of Culture
High Council for International Cultural Relations
Cairo

II

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Arab Republic of Egypt presents its compliments to the Royal Netherlands Embassy in Cairo, and have the honour to acknowledge receipt of its Note No. 2763 of 21st of April, 1983 referring to the Agreement concerning the Netherlands Institute of Archaeology and Arabic Studies to be signed once a date has been set:

This Note states the following:

[*See note I*]

In reply the Ministry informs the Embassy that the above-mentioned understanding is correct and acceptable to the Government of the Arab Republic of Egypt and that the Embassy's Note and this reply shall constitute an integral part of the Agreement between the two countries to enter into force as from the date of signature of the Agreement.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Department of Cultural and Technical Cooperation, avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Royal Netherlands Embassy in Cairo the assurances of its highest consideration.

Cairo, May 10th, 1983

The Royal Netherlands Embassy in Cairo
