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AGREEMENT¹ BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF AUSTRALIA AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA ON AGRICULTURAL CO-OPERATION

The Government of Australia and the Government of the People's Republic of China,

Noting the development of agricultural co-operation between the two countries since the establishment of diplomatic relations;

Wishing to further develop Sino-Australian agricultural co-operation which has been fostered on the basis of arrangements under the Agreement on Co-operation in Science and Technology, done at Canberra on 6 May 1980,² the Protocol on Economic Co-operation, done in Canberra on 22 September 1981,³ and the Agreement on a Program of Technical Co-operation for Development, done at Beijing on 2 October 1981,⁴

Have agreed as follows:

Article 1. PROMOTION AND FACILITATION OF AGRICULTURAL CO-OPERATION

The two Governments shall facilitate and promote agricultural co-operation between their two countries on the basis of mutual benefit, equality and reciprocity.

Article 2. AREAS OF AGRICULTURAL CO-OPERATION

The two Governments shall promote agricultural co-operation in the following areas:

- (a) Agricultural economics, agricultural engineering, agricultural research, education and extension;
- (b) Land development and improvement and integrated land management;
- (c) Livestock improvement and production and animal health;
- (d) Plant breeding, nutrition and protection;
- (e) Processing, storage, transport and preservation of animal and plant products;
- (f) Fisheries;
- (g) Forestry; and
- (h) Other areas of agricultural co-operation as arranged through consultation by the two Governments.

Article 3. FORMS OF AGRICULTURAL CO-OPERATION

Agricultural co-operation which the two Governments shall promote may take the following forms:

- (a) Exchange of persons involved in agriculture whether individually or in delegations or teams;

¹ Came into force on 17 May 1984 by signature, in accordance with article 10.

² United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 1217, p. 91.

³ *Ibid.*, vol. 1368, p. 231.

⁴ *Ibid.*, p. 243.

- (b) Exchange of scientists and specialists from agricultural research institutions, universities, academies and colleges to conduct co-operative research and give lectures and the exchange of students and establishment of counterpart contacts;
- (c) Symposia and academic seminars on agricultural subjects;
- (d) Exchange of agricultural genetic resources, chemicals, machinery and equipment;
- (e) Exchange of materials and information on agricultural production, research and economics;
- (f) Establishment of contacts between agricultural libraries, exchange of agricultural films, books, publications and exchange of agricultural exhibitions;
- (g) Economic, scientific and technical co-operation projects in agriculture; and
- (h) Other forms of agricultural co-operation as arranged through consultation by the two Governments.

*Article 4. PARTICIPATING INSTITUTIONS, ETC., INVOLVED
IN AGRICULTURAL CO-OPERATION*

Agricultural co-operation under the present Agreement shall include co-operation between governmental as well as non-governmental institutions, research organizations, commercial associations and enterprises of the two countries involved in agriculture.

Article 5. COMMERCIAL CO-OPERATION IN AGRICULTURE

In facilitating and promoting agricultural co-operation the two Governments shall encourage commercial as well as non-commercial forms of agricultural co-operation on a bilateral basis.

Article 6. THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A JOINT AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION

1. To implement the present Agreement an Australia-China Joint Agricultural Commission shall be established. The Joint Commission shall normally meet once every two years alternately in Australia and China. The date and agenda shall be decided by the two Governments through diplomatic channels at least one month before the meeting.

2. The Joint Commission shall consist of representatives designated by each Government.

3. The terms of reference of the Joint Commission shall be to:

- (a) Recommend to the two Governments periodic programs of agricultural co-operation, including agricultural activities to be implemented under other agreements;
- (b) Monitor the implementation of projects for agricultural co-operation which are not provided for by other agreements, and recommend means and ways for implementing these projects;
- (c) Arrange technical and financial matters for projects of agricultural co-operation under the present Agreement but not under other agreements;

- (d) Review, co-ordinate and facilitate the implementation of projects of agricultural co-operation under the present Agreement as well as other agreements;
- (e) With regard to projects of agricultural co-operation under other agreements, the Joint Commission may make proposals to the two Governments for co-ordination by the relevant competent authorities.

Article 7. FINANCE AND OTHER MATTERS

1. In order to ensure efficient co-operation, the two Governments shall provide facilities for the holding of the meetings of the Joint Commission and for the implementation of mutually acceptable projects of agricultural co-operation.

2. The international travel expenses of members of the Joint Commission shall be borne by the sending Government. After the arrival in the territory of the host Government, the expenditure on food, accommodation and transport shall be borne by the host Government.

Article 8. OTHER AGREEMENTS

Except as provided in the present Agreement, projects of agricultural co-operation implemented under other agreements shall continue to be subject to those agreements.

Article 9. SUBJECT TO DOMESTIC LAWS AND REGULATIONS

Projects of agricultural co-operation shall be implemented in each country in accordance with the applicable national laws and regulations.

Article 10. ENTRY INTO FORCE AND DURATION

1. The present Agreement shall enter into force on the date of signature and shall remain in force for a period of four years from that date.

2. If neither Government gives written notice to the other of its desire to terminate the present Agreement at least six months prior to the expiration of the present Agreement, at the end of that period, the Agreement shall be automatically extended for a period of four years and shall be renewable thereafter in the same manner.

DONE in duplicate at Beijing on this seventeenth day of May one thousand nine hundred and eighty-four in the English and Chinese languages, both texts being equally authoritative.

For the Government
of Australia:

[Signed — Signé]¹

For the Government
of the People's Republic of China:

[Signed — Signé]²

¹ Signed by John Kerin — Signé par John Kerin.

² Signed by He Kang — Signé par He Kang.