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AGREEMENT¹ BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF IRELAND AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF IRAQ ON ECONOMIC, SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL CO-OPERATION

The Government of Ireland and the Government of the Republic of Iraq:
desiring to strengthen and consolidate the friendly relations between the two countries.

convinced of the importance of expanding and diversifying economic, scientific and technological cooperation 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:

His Excellency Mr. John Kelly, Minister of Trade, Commerce and Tourism of the Government of Ireland.

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

Article one. 1. The two Governments shall do their utmost to develop and expand economic, scientific and technological cooperation between their respective countries, particularly in the following fields: industry, commerce, agriculture, energy, health and medicine, transport, construction, water supply, sewage treatment, engineering, consultancy and other services, and any other fields of mutual interest.

2. The details and conditions of the cooperation shall be agreed on by the respective institutions, organizations and enterprises in conformity with the legal provisions and regulations in force in both countries.

Article two. For the purpose of developing and expanding commercial exchange between the two countries, the two Governments shall encourage and facilitate the promotion and conclusion of commercial contracts between the relevant organizations and enterprises in the two countries preferably on a long term basis. The two Governments undertake to render to the relevant organizations and enterprises of the other country, all the appropriate facilities for carrying out their work and for the elimination of obstacles which might arise from implementation of contracts in both countries.

Article three. The Government of Ireland shall facilitate the promotional activity of Iraqi organizations engaged in exporting Iraqi products to Ireland.

Article four. The two Governments shall recommend and encourage the relevant organizations and enterprises in both countries to take into consideration the following principles in submitting their offers and contracts:

1. High quality of technical specifications.
2. Speed in submitting offers, concluding contracts and implementing projects.
3. Competitive prices.

¹ Came into force on 3 December 1981, the date of an exchange of notes confirming its approval by the Parties, in accordance with article 11.

4. Providing spare parts, equipment, materials and after-sale services at competitive prices.

Article five. 1. The two Governments shall use their best endeavours to promote scientific and technological cooperation, including facilitating the transfer of modern technology and technical know-how between relevant organizations and enterprises.

2. The two Governments undertake to implement or to facilitate the implementation of scientific and technological cooperation, which may include the following measures:

- a. Exchange of visits of specialised personnel, convocation of scientific symposia and exchange of technical and scientific information;
- b. Study by Iraqi students and trainees at Irish universities, institutes and other training facilities, especially in the fields of agriculture and medicine;
- c. The provision of Irish technical expertise to establish and promote technical institutes, particularly in the fields of agriculture, industry and engineering consultancy in design and construction in Iraq;
- d. Training of Iraqi personnel in the fields of agriculture, agricultural mechanisation, cattle breeding and irrigation;
- e. Any other forms of cooperation to be agreed upon by the two Governments.

Article six. 1. Each Government shall encourage the participation by organisations, enterprises and firms of both countries in fairs and exhibitions, held in either country, and shall also facilitate the setting up of such fairs and exhibitions.

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 on 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 seven. Payments for goods, services and other transactions, within the scope of this Agreement, shall be settled in any mutually acceptable convertible currency in accordance with the provisions of the relevant contracts and with the foreign exchange laws and regulations in force in both countries.

Article eight. 1. For the purpose of promoting the objectives of this Agreement a Joint Commission, composed of representatives of the two Governments, is hereby established.

2. The Joint Commission shall meet at the request of either Government at a date to be mutually agreed upon. The meetings shall convene annually, alternately in Baghdad and Dublin.

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 enterprises;

- c. Consider proposed measures for the promotion of commercial exchanges and the expansion of economic, scientific and technological cooperation between relevant organizations and enterprises in both countries;
 - d. Encourage and facilitate the exchange of ideas and information in the fields of science and technology;
 - e. Review progress in the promotion of technological cooperation;
 - f. Consider annual programmes of technical cooperation.
4. The Joint Commission may appoint specialized working-groups to deal with cooperation in specific sectors, which would report to the Joint Commission.
5. The Joint Commission may make recommendations for the consideration of the Governments of the two countries relating to matters referred to in paragraph 3 of this Article, according to the procedures in force in each country.

Article nine. 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 ten. 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 eleven. 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 twelve. 1. The validity of this Agreement is five years. Thereafter it shall be automatically renewed from year to year, unless either Government 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.

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

DONE at Baghdad on the seventh day of October 1981 in two originals, each in English and Arabic languages, both texts being equally authentic.

[Signed — Signé]¹
For the Government
of the Republic of Iraq

[Signed — Signé]²
For the Government
of Ireland

¹ Signed by Hassan Ali — Signé par Hassan Ali.

² Signed by John Kelly — Signé par John Kelly.