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MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING¹ ON COOPERATION IN THE FIELD OF AGRICULTURAL SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY BETWEEN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES

The Department of Agriculture of the United States of America and the Ministry of Agriculture of the Government of the Philippines, (hereinafter referred to as the Parties), hereby agree to pursue cooperative programs and exchanges in the field of agricultural science and technology and to strengthen relations between the Parties through joint activities in accordance with this Memorandum of Understanding (hereinafter referred to as "Memorandum.")

ARTICLE I

- 1.1 Joint activities will be explored and determined by the Parties after consultation between representatives of both countries, and will be implemented by their agreement and in conformity with the laws and agricultural policies of both countries.
- 1.2 Cooperation will be developed in the broad areas of animal health, plant science, soil conservation and erosion control, energy in agriculture, biotechnology, food processing, fruit and vegetable production, agricultural engineering, marketing, distribution and storage, and other additional fields as agreed by the Parties.

ARTICLE II

Cooperation will be effected through, but not limited to, the exchange of materials and information; the exchange of scientists, specialists, and trainees; the organization of symposia and conferences; and the joint publication of research studies and papers.

ARTICLE III

3.1 A Joint Agriculture Working Group shall be formed to provide guidance, review the progress of activities and to facilitate cooperation. The Working Group shall meet periodically, as needed, in alternating countries.

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3.2 Each side shall also designate an Executive Secretary who shall be responsible for coordinating and monitoring all the activities carried out under the auspices of this Memorandum. The Executive Secretaries shall be permanent members of the Joint Working Group.

ARTICLE IV

To generate broad interest and increased activities, this Memorandum authorizes the involvement of other interested government agencies, the scientific and business communities of both countries, as well as interested third countries. The Parties will encourage and facilitate direct contacts between these groups to work towards long-term cooperation in programs of research, extension, and training and to identify potential joint ventures in agribusiness.

ARTICLE V

Each Party will bear the costs of its participation in cooperative activities unless the Parties agree on other arrangements. Activities pursuant to this Memorandum are subject to the availability of funds and personnel and to the laws and regulations of the respective countries of the Parties.

ARTICLE VI

Under this Memorandum, the designated coordinating offices will be the Office of International Cooperation and Development for the Government of the United States and the Agricultural Research Office for the Government of the Republic of the Philippines.

ARTICLE VII

Findings and results of research carried out by this Memorandum shall be made available to the world scientific community unless otherwise agreed by the Parties in appropriate supplements. Treatment of intellectual property, will be agreed upon by the Parties according to the existing laws and practices of both countries.

ARTICLE VIII

Nothing in this Memorandum shall be interpreted to prejudice or modify existing understandings and agreements between the Parties.

ARTICLE IX

This Memorandum shall enter into force upon signature and shall remain in force for five years, unless terminated earlier by either Party upon six-months' written notice to the other Party. It may be modified or extended by the written agreement of the Parties. In the event of the termination of this Memorandum, the Parties shall consult regarding the completion of activities underway.

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