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**ISRAEL
and
NETHERLANDS**

**Agreement on scientific and technological cooperation in the
field of agricultural research. Signed at Jerusalem on
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Enregistré par Israël le 22 février 1993.

AGREEMENT¹ BETWEEN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE NATURE MANAGEMENT AND FISHERIES OF THE NETHERLANDS AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE STATE OF ISRAEL ON SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL CO-OPERATION IN THE FIELD OF AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH

The Ministry of Agriculture, Nature Management and Fisheries of the Netherlands and the Government of the State of Israel (hereinafter referred to as "the Parties").

Recognizing that it will be of benefit to both countries to deepen and extend their co-operation in the field of scientific and technological agricultural research in conformity with the laws and agricultural policies of both countries,

Have agreed as follows:

Article 1

The Parties shall co-ordinate and promote co-operation in the field of scientific and technological agricultural research between their research institutions. They shall endeavour to include other

¹ Came into force on 2 November 1992 by signature, in accordance with article 10.

institutions in this co-operation where appropriate and feasible, including education and extension service.

Article 2

The Parties shall stimulate and effect co-operation under this Agreement through:

- a. exchange of scientific literature and information;
- b. exchange of materials, including both plant and animal, for experimental purposes according to the quarantine regulations in each country;
- c. exchange of scientists, experts, trainees and technologists (hereafter referred to as "experts");
- d. participation of experts in symposia, seminars, workshops and conferences;
- e. visits and stays for study purposes;
- f. implementation of joint scientific and technical projects;
- g. such other means as may be mutually agreed upon by the Parties.

Article 3

- A. To implement this Agreement, both Parties shall establish a Dutch-Israeli Joint Steering Committee

to decide on joint activities, to approve research programmes, to review the progress and to discuss and decide on possible new activities.

The Joint Steering Committee will include representatives from the participating Ministry of Agriculture of Israel and the Ministry of Agriculture, Nature Management and Fisheries of the Netherlands in charge with the implementation of this Agreement and other relevant representatives. A joint Dutch Israeli Agricultural Research Programme (DIARP) will be established. The Chief Scientists of the relevant Ministries of both countries will serve alternately as chairman and co-chairman of the Joint Steering Committee and DIARP.

The Agricultural Attache or Agricultural Counsellor accredited to the country where the Joint Steering Committee meets shall participate in the meeting.

- B. The agenda and draft resolutions to be discussed by the Joint Steering Committee on subjects of co-operation and details of their implementation

shall be prepared by an exchange of the relevant documents, not later than 60 days before the meeting will take place.

- C. The summary of the meetings of the Joint Steering Committee shall be embodied in the form of working programmes valid for a period of two years.
- D. As a rule, the Joint Steering Committee shall meet every two years alternately in the Hague and in Jerusalem.
- E. For the preparation of the scientific Activities resulting from this Agreement, a Joint Scientific Committee shall be established to advise the Joint Steering Committee.

Article 4

- A. The Parties shall make provisions in accordance with the regulations in either country, for the financing of the co-operation activities. These provisions shall cover costs of project activities, international travel expenses, board, lodging and

local travel of experts as mentioned in Article 2, and of members of the Joint Scientific Committee, mentioned in Article 3E.

- B. As regards the traveling expenses of experts mentioned in Article 2, the sending Party shall bear the costs of transportation and daily allowances. The travel expenses and daily allowances of the members of the Joint Steering Committee and the Joint Scientific Committee, while fulfilling their duty as officers of DIARP will be covered by DIARP.
- C. Transportation costs resulting from the exchange of (biological) material and scientific literature pursuant to Article 2 shall be borne by the sending Party. Any additional costs related to importation (e.g. customs duties) shall be borne by the recipient.
- D. The sending Party shall ensure that its experts have medical and accident insurance during their stay in the country of the receiving Party. It shall be liable for damage caused either willfully

or negligently by its employees in the execution of their official duties in the country of the receiving Party, unless such damage is covered by the insurance.

Article 5

For the organization of visits or stays for study purposes as provided for in Article 2, the sending Party shall submit at least two months prior to the beginning of the visit or stay an outline of the visitor's personal data, educational background, the special field being the subject of his/her visit or stay, concrete aims as well as his/her area of expertise and language skills.

Article 6

Both Parties shall have access to the results of research obtained through the execution of joint projects.

Article 7

Any arrangements made between the Parties with respect to the above mentioned fields of cooperation, funding, treatment of intellectual property, and other

appropriate matters shall be set forth in working-programmes to be included in the Dutch-Israeli Agricultural research Programme (DIARP).

Article 8

This Agreement shall not affect present or future rights or duties of the Parties under other international agreements and treaties.

Article 9

Any question of interpretation regarding the implementation of this Agreement shall be solved by consultation between both Parties.

Article 10

This Agreement shall enter into force on the day of signature and shall remain in force for seven years, if not denounced in writing by one of the two Parties at a six months notice to the other Party. It may be modified or extended by mutual agreement of the Parties.

In the event of termination of the Agreement, arrangements will be made to complete activities already under way.

Article 11

The Department for Science and Technology of the Ministry of Agriculture, Nature Management and Fisheries of the Netherlands and the Office of the Chief Scientist of the Ministry of Agriculture of Israel shall be charged with the execution of the present Agreement. All correspondence concerning the implementation of the present Agreement shall be directed to the Department for Science and Technology, address: P.O.Box 20401, 2500 EK the Hague, the Netherlands and to the Chief Scientists' Office, the Volcani Center, P.O.Box 6 Bet Dagan 50250, Israel

Done at Jerusalem....on the 1st day of November 1992, which corresponds to the 5th day of Heshvan 5753 in duplicate in the English and Hebrew languages, both texts being equally authentic. In case of divergency of interpretation, the English text shall prevail.

For the Government
of the State of Israel:

[Signed]
SHIMON PERES

For the Ministry
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and Fisheries
of the Netherlands:

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