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AGREEMENT¹ BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE STATE OF
ISRAEL AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF
GEORGIA FOR COOPERATION IN THE FIELD OF AGRICUL-
TURE

The Government of the State of Israel and the Government of the Republic of Georgia (hereinafter referred to as the Contracting Parties),

Considering that development in the field of agriculture shall be of mutual benefit to both countries,

Desirous of strengthening the cooperation between the two countries in the field of agriculture and agricultural related fields,

Recognizing that such cooperation will promote further their already existing friendly relations,

Have agreed as follows:

ARTICLE 1

Cooperation in the fields of agriculture, food industry, crop production, pest control, cattle breeding, apiculture, poultry production, veterinary care, irrigation, post-harvest and processing, vegetable and fruit growing shall be implemented through:

- a) Exchange of scientific and technical information and documentation;
- b) Exchange of genetic and biological material, both from plants and animals;
- c) Exchange of scientific-research information;
- d) Exchange information on irrigation and water supplying systems;

¹ Came into force on 4 April 1996 by notification, in accordance with article 5.

- e) Exchange of expertise and consultants ;
- f) Organization of training, seminars, conferences and meetings, in either of the two countries;
- g) Trilateral cooperation (with other donor countries and/or international funding agencies) to develop market-oriented farm and sub-regional projects covering production, post-harvest processing and marketing systems.
- h) Encouragement of joint ventures of collaboration between the private sector parties in both countries including agricultural marketing, both in internal and external markets.

ARTICLE 2

In order to realize the cooperation envisaged in Article 1, and ensure continuous contacts, a four member Joint Committee comprised of representatives of both Contracting Parties shall be set up. It will meet once every two years, alternately in Jerusalem and Tbilisi, the date of the meetings to be arranged through the diplomatic channels. The Joint Committee will prepare a working plan for the coming period, provide guidance, review the progress of activities, facilitate bilateral cooperation and determine the financial aspects of the cooperation. Progress achieved during the former period will be reviewed in the minutes of each session.

ARTICLE 3

In order to implement in practical terms the cooperation as envisaged in Article 1 of the Agreement, the Parties will exchange experts on agreed subjects. Travelling expenses of experts will be borne by the sides, subject to financial resource availability, and internal expenses will be assumed by the host country. The receiving side has to be informed about the visits of experts one month prior to their arrival.

ARTICLE 4

Under the present Agreement the Ministry of Agriculture of the State of Israel and the Ministry of Agriculture and Food Industry of the Republic of Georgia will be designated as the coordinating offices.

ARTICLE 5

The present Agreement shall enter into force on the date of the latter of the Diplomatic Notes by which the Parties notify each other through the diplomatic channels that their internal legal requirements for the entering into force of the Agreement have been complied with and shall remain valid for a period of five (5) years.

ARTICLE 6

The Agreement may be modified or amended by mutual consent. Any amendment or modification of the Agreement shall follow the same procedure as its entering into force.

Unless terminated at an earlier date by either Party giving written notice to the other, at least six months in advance, of its intention to terminate it, the Agreement will be extended automatically for an additional five year period. Notwithstanding the termination of the Agreement, the activities already in progress shall continue until completed.

Done at Jerusalem on this 19th day of June 1995, which corresponds to the 21st day of Sivan 5755, in two originals, each in the Hebrew, Georgian and English languages, all texts being equally authentic. In case of divergency of interpretation the English text shall prevail.

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