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and
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et
République démocratique populaire lao**

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[ENGLISH TEXT – TEXTE ANGLAIS]

**ARRANGEMENT
ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF
THE JOINT ECONOMIC COMMITTEE
BETWEEN
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA
AND
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE LAO PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC**

The Government of the Republic of Korea and the Government of the Lao People's Democratic Republic (hereinafter referred to as "the Governments"),

Bearing in mind the provisions of Article 4 of the Agreement on Economic, Scientific and Technical Cooperation between the Government of the Republic of Korea and the Government of the Lao People's Democratic Republic signed on 15 May, 1996; and

Desiring to establish a bilateral mechanism to discuss measures for encouraging economic cooperation between the two countries;

Have reached the following arrangement:

ARTICLE 1

The Governments will establish a Joint Economic Committee (hereinafter referred to as "the Joint Committee") which will carry out the following activities:

- (a) exchange views and information on measures to encourage economic cooperation and to resolve any problem arising from such cooperation;
- (b) review the implementation of the Agreement on Economic, Scientific and Technical Cooperation between the Governments; and
- (c) make recommendations to the respective Governments on the necessary measures to enhance such cooperation.

ARTICLE 2

The Joint Committee will be co-chaired by senior officials of the Governments.

ARTICLE 3

1. The Joint Committee will determine its rules and procedures and may establish other sub-committees and/or working groups, when deemed necessary and jointly decided, in order to deal with specific issues.
2. The decisions reached at meetings of the Joint Committee will be recorded in the form of Agreed Minutes.

ARTICLE 4

The Joint Committee will meet alternately in the Republic of Korea and in the Lao People's Democratic Republic annually on dates mutually determined by the Governments.

ARTICLE 5

The agenda for meetings of the Joint Committee will be mutually decided upon and prepared by the Governments prior to the commencement of each meeting.

ARTICLE 6

Any differences regarding the interpretation or application of this Arrangement will be resolved amicably by mutual consultations.

ARTICLE 7

1. This Arrangement will come into effect on the date of signature.
2. This Arrangement will remain in effect for a period of five (5) years and will continue to have effect for successive periods of five (5) years, unless either Government notifies the other, three (3) months in advance, of its intention to terminate this Arrangement.
3. This Arrangement may be amended by mutual consent.

Signed in duplicate at Seoul, on this 9th day of April 2004, in the English language.

FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF
THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kim Dae-jung", written in a cursive style.

FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF THE
LAO PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bounnhang Vorachit", written in a cursive style with a long horizontal stroke at the bottom.