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AGREEMENT¹ ON TRADE, ECONOMIC AND TECHNICAL CO-OPERATION BETWEEN THE SWISS CONFEDERATION AND THE REPUBLIC OF IRAQ

The Government of the Swiss Confederation and the Government of the Republic of Iraq,

Desirous to develop the trade exchange, economic and technical co-operation between their two countries on the basis of equality and mutual benefits and to strengthen the cordial relations which exist between them,

Have agreed on the following:

Article 1. The two Contracting Parties shall endeavour to develop the trade exchange, economic and technical co-operation between both countries. For this purpose the two Contracting Parties shall take all necessary measures to achieve this in accordance with the laws and regulations in force in their respective countries.

Article 2. (1) The Contracting Parties shall ensure each other the most-favoured-nation treatment with respect to customs duties and administrative customs procedures applicable at present, or in the future to be applied to imports and exports, goods turnover, transit, storing and distribution of goods of foreign origin.

(2) Most-favoured-nation treatment shall not apply, however, to exemptions, concessions and privileges which either Contracting Party accords or will accord

—To the neighbouring countries in frontier traffic;

—To the countries with which they are linked in an existing or as yet planned customs union, free-trade area or similar association.

(3) The most-favoured-nation treatment provided herein shall likewise not apply to exemptions, concessions and privileges accorded or which may be accorded by the Republic of Iraq to Arab countries.

Article 3. The competent authorities of both countries shall, wherever needed, issue the necessary import and export permits based on their rules and regulations.

Article 4. Recognizing the mutual interest in strengthening their co-operation in the fields of economy, industry, agricultural development, communications, transport, public works, technology, services as well as tourism, both Contracting Parties shall facilitate and encourage efforts made to that effect by the companies and associations in their countries.

Article 5. The Contracting Parties shall take all possible and necessary measures to promote technical co-operation between the two countries through training and the exchange of specialized personnel and technical experts as well

¹ Applied provisionally from 11 February 1978, the date of signature, and came into force definitively on 28 November 1978, the date on which the Contracting Parties notified each other of the completion of their constitutional requirements, in accordance with article 17 (1).

as scientific and technical information in various fields. Without limiting the procedures under this article, the joint commission referred to in article 13 will examine the specific fields and ways and means for the implementation of such co-operation between the two countries.

Article 6. Products and services resulting from co-operation stipulated in article 5 above shall enjoy the most favourable treatment possible within the framework of the provisions and regulations in force in the respective countries.

Article 7. Both Contracting Parties shall, in conformity with international conventions to which both countries have adhered or may adhere, take all appropriate measures to guarantee to nationals or companies of the other Contracting Parties the protection of industrial property rights and copyrights (including designation of origin).

Article 8. Payments between the Swiss Confederation and the Republic of Iraq shall be effected in freely convertible currency.

Article 9. The two Contracting Parties shall accord each other the right of transit in respect of goods subject to the laws and regulations in force in their respective countries.

Article 10. Subject to laws and regulations in force in the two countries, the two Contracting Parties shall endeavour to facilitate participation in temporary and permanent fairs as well as the establishment of trade centres in each other's country.

Article 11. No provision of this Agreement shall limit the right of the Contracting Parties of taking the necessary measures to protect their national security and public health.

Article 12. Each of the two Contracting Parties shall grant each other's citizens the necessary facilities for the purpose of working, studying, training and for scientific and technical missions subject to laws and regulations in force in their respective countries.

Article 13. A Joint Commission of representatives of both Contracting Parties shall be established. It shall meet at the request of either Contracting Party (in Switzerland or in the Republic of Iraq) to examine any questions which might arise from the implementation of the present Agreement. In particular, it shall consider ways and means to promote mutual co-operation in the terms of articles 4, 5 and 6 of the present Agreement. Representatives of the private economy may also as appropriate be invited to participate in these meetings.

Article 14. All disputes that might arise from the implementation of contracts concluded within the framework of this Agreement shall be taken up by the Swiss/Iraqi Joint Commission as stipulated in article 13 of this Agreement in a spirit of friendship and co-operation and in accordance with the objectives of this Agreement.

Article 15. The present Agreement shall apply to the Principality of Liechtenstein as long as the Principality forms a customs union with the Swiss Confederation.

Article 16. The provisions of this Agreement shall remain in force in respect of any contract concluded during its period of validity and in accordance with its provisions, even after termination of this Agreement.

Article 17. (1) The present Agreement shall come into force provisionally on the day of signature and definitively when both Contracting Parties will have notified each other that they have complied with the constitutional requirements for the conclusion and entry into force of international agreements and it shall remain in force for a period of one year.

(2) Unless written notice of termination is given three months before the expiration of this period, it shall automatically be considered as renewed for another year.

DONE and signed in Baghdad on February 11, 1978, in two original copies each in Arabic, English and French. In case of differences in interpretation, reference should be made to the English text.

For the Government
of the Swiss Confederation:

[Signed]

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[Signed]

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