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**Republic of Korea
and
Democratic Republic of the Congo**

**Agreement between the Government of the Republic of Korea and the Government of the Democratic Republic of the Congo on the Korea Overseas Volunteer Program.
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**AGREEMENT BETWEEN
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA
AND
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE
CONGO
ON THE KOREA OVERSEAS VOLUNTEERS PROGRAM**

The Government of the Republic of Korea and the Government of the Democratic Republic of the Congo,

With a view to promoting mutual awareness among the peoples of the two countries,

In order to provide a legal assurance for the activities of the Korea Overseas Volunteers in the Democratic Republic of the Congo to be dispatched under the Korea Overseas Volunteers Program (hereinafter referred to as the "Program"),

Have agreed as follows:

Article 1

1. At the request of the Government of the Democratic Republic of the Congo and in accordance with the laws and regulations in force in the Republic of Korea, the Government of the Republic of Korea shall take the necessary measures to dispatch volunteers to the Democratic Republic of the Congo for the purpose of contributing to the social and economic development of the Democratic Republic of the Congo, according to the schedules to be separately decided upon between the institutions concerned of the two countries.
2. For the purpose of this Agreement, the two countries agreed that the institutions concerned will be:
 - a. for the Government of the Republic of Korea, "Korea International Cooperation Agency", and
 - b. for the Government of the Democratic Republic of the Congo, "Department of Asia, America and Oceania of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation".

Article 2

The Government of the Republic of Korea shall, subject to budgetary appropriations, provide the volunteers with the following:

- a. cost of international travel between the Republic of Korea and the Democratic Republic of the Congo;
- b. monthly living allowance during the period of their assignment; and
- c. materials and medical supplies as may be necessary for the performance of their duties.

Article 3

The Government of the Democratic Republic of the Congo shall grant the volunteers the following exemptions and benefits:

- a. exemption from customs duties, taxes and other governmental charges on all materials and medical supplies introduced into the Democratic Republic of the Congo in accordance with Article 2 above for use in performance of their duties;
- b. exemption from customs duties, taxes and other governmental charges on their personal and household effects introduced into the Democratic Republic of the Congo for their own use within six months of their arrival;
- c. exemption from income tax and other governmental charges in respect of any remuneration or allowances received by the volunteers in the Democratic Republic of the Congo from abroad in connection with their activities under the Program;
- d. rent-free accommodation, as circumstance allows, at places where they are to perform the duties to be assigned to them by the Government of the Democratic Republic of the Congo;
- e. local transportation necessary for the performance of their duties;
- f. exemption from fees related to visas and immigrations and any other governmental registrations;
- g. exemption from examinations related to governmental registrations for their work permits;
- h. issuance of identification cards to the volunteers to prove the legitimacy of their assignment in the Democratic Republic of the Congo; and
- i. provision of an appropriate level of medical care and hospitalization, emergency medical attention and first aid.

Article 4

1. The Government of the Democratic Republic of the Congo shall accept a representative and his/her staff and coordinators who shall discharge the duties to be assigned to them by the Korea International Cooperation Agency, related to the activities of the Program in the Democratic Republic of the Congo.
2. The Government of the Democratic Republic of the Congo shall grant the representative and his/her staff and coordinators the following exemptions and benefits:
 - a. exemption from customs duties, taxes, and other governmental charges on all the materials and medical supplies introduced into the Democratic Republic of the Congo for use in performance of their duties;
 - b. exemption from customs duties, taxes and other governmental charges on their personal and household effects introduced into the Democratic Republic of the Congo for their own use within six months of their arrival; and
 - c. exemption from fees related to visas and immigrations.

Article 5

The Government of the Democratic Republic of the Congo shall take every possible measure to ensure the personal safety and security of the volunteers, the representative, and his/her staff and coordinators while in the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

Article 6

The two Governments shall hold consultations, from time to time, to ensure the successful implementation of the Program in the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

Article 7

This Agreement shall enter into force on the date of signature. It may be amended by an exchange of Notes between the two Governments and may be terminated by either Government by giving to the other six months' prior written notice of its intention to terminate it.