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and
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**AGREEMENT
ON TECHNICAL CO-OPERATION
BETWEEN GOVERNMENT OF THE ARGENTINE REPUBLIC
AND GOVERNMENT OF THE LAO PEOPLE'S
DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC**

The Government of the Argentine Republic and Government of the Lao People's Democratic Republic, herein referred to as "the Parties",

Wishing to expand and promote bilateral relations between both countries through technical co-operation;

Recognizing the benefits that such co-operation shall bring to their peoples; and

Being aware of the need to implement measures to promote and develop the technical co-operation between both countries;

Have agreed as follows:

ARTICLE I

The Parties shall promote and favour technical co-operation between the States on the basis of association, shared responsibility and mutual benefit, in accordance with this Agreement and their respective domestic legislation.

ARTICLE II

The Parties shall promote the preparation and execution of programs, projects and any other form of technical co-operation, pursuant to the provisions of this Agreement that shall be the subject matter of specific agreements concluded through the diplomatic channels, such Agreements shall define the relevant modalities regarding the programs or projects concerned.

ARTICLE III

Such technical co-operation may include the following activities:

- a) exchange of advisors, consultants and technicians;
- b) organization of seminars, conferences and meetings;
- c) training and development of experts and technicians;
- d) joint implementation of projects;
- e) exchange of information, studies and research results;
- f) any other form of co-operation the Parties may agree upon.

ARTICLE IV

The Parties shall facilitate, in accordance with their domestic law, the participation of entities of each State, in the execution of programs, projects and any other form of co-operation provided for in the specific agreements referred to in Article II.

The terms and conditions for the participation of these entities in the co-operation activities provided for in the specific agreements, arrived at within the framework of this Agreement, shall be defined in the respective programs.

ARTICLE V

Each Party shall facilitate the entry into and departure from its territory of the other Party's personnel and equipment working on or being used in joint projects and programs in accordance with the laws, rules and regulations in force in their respective countries.

ARTICLE VI

Unless otherwise agreed upon, the expenses related to the sending of personnel shall be borne as follows:

- travel expenses to the territory of the other Party shall be borne by Sending Party.
- accommodation, per diem allowances and local transportation expenses for the execution of programs and projects shall be borne by the Receiving Party.

Each time the Parties shall agree on the medical insurance expenses to be covered before an expert travels.

ARTICLE VII

In order to implement this Agreement, the Parties agree to set up a Joint Commission which shall be constituted by a President and other members appointed by each of the Parties in representation of the corresponding Ministries/Agencies.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs, International Trade and Worship of the Argentine Republic and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Lao People's Democratic Republic shall serve as co-chairmen of the Joint Commission.

The Joint Commission shall meet, as may be mutually agreed, alternatively in the Argentine Republic and in the Lao People's Democratic Republic, to analyze the progress of the technical co-operation between the two countries. This Joint Commission shall establish, when necessary, Working Groups and shall appoint experts and advisors to attend the meetings.

The Joint Commission shall have, in particular, the following functions:

1. To facilitate the implementation of the provisions of this Agreement;
2. To exchange information on technical matters concerning the two countries;
3. To analyze the progress of the co-operation and suggest measures to strengthen such co-operation;
4. To formulate proposals and make recommendations to the respective Governments for the future benefit of both countries through mutual co-operation.

ARTICLE VIII

In the case of any dispute on the interpretation or application of the provisions of this Agreement, it shall be settled between the Parties on the basis of negotiations and consultations through the diplomatic channels.

ARTICLE IX

The provisions of this Agreement have no effect on the rights or duties of the Parties in relation to other international agreements to which they are a party thereof.

ARTICLE X

This Agreement shall enter into force on the date of the last notification whereby the Parties notify each other in writing, through diplomatic channels, of the fulfilment of their respective legal requirements for its entry into force.

This Agreement shall have a term of five (5) years, and shall be automatically renewed for successive identical periods, unless it is denounced through diplomatic channels at least six (6) months before the entry into force of any such denunciation.

The termination of this Agreement shall not affect the validity of cooperative activities, programs or projects implemented under this Agreement and already in progress.

Done in Buenos Aires, on the 26th of August, 2011, in two original copies, in the Spanish, Laotian and English languages, all texts being equally authentic. In case of divergence, the English text shall prevail.

For the Government of the
Argentine Republic



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