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**AGREEMENT
BETWEEN
THE ARGENTINE REPUBLIC
AND
THE ORGANISATION OF EASTERN CARIBBEAN STATES
ON SOUTH-SOUTH AND TRIANGULAR COOPERATION ACTIVITIES**

The Argentine Republic and the Organization of Eastern Caribbean States (OECS) *hereinafter referred to as "the Parties"*;

INSPIRED by the long standing ties of friendship and cooperation between the Argentine Republic and the Member States of the OECS, and desiring to strengthen their relations;

MINDFUL of the bilateral agreements on Technical Cooperation between the Argentine Republic and Member States of the OECS;

CONSCIOUS of the challenges facing Small Island developing States, and their need for assistance in their efforts to realize and sustain economic and social development;

RECOGNIZING the value of South-South and Triangular Cooperation as important modalities of International Cooperation for Development;

DESIRING to establish a framework of understanding on the basis of which they may jointly identify and implement South-South and Triangular Cooperation activities according to their capacities in third countries requesting such cooperation; Have agreed the following:

**Article 1
Objective**

This Agreement has as its objective, to promote technical cooperation between the Parties, through the joint elaboration of programs and projects in priority areas of mutual interest, with a view to realizing the development aspirations of the citizens of the Member States of the Organisation of Eastern Caribbean States and the Argentine Republic.

**Article 2
Areas of Cooperation**

The Parties shall jointly cooperate in the following technical areas:

- a) Trade and investment;
- b) Agriculture and fisheries;
- c) Health;
- d) Education and sport;
- e) Information technology;
- f) Tourism;
- g) Justice and governance;
- h) Security;
- i) Disaster management;
- j) Environmental management;
- k) Civil aviation and sea sports and;
- l) Any other technical area agreed upon by the Parties.

The execution of this Agreement shall not be conditional on the establishment by the Parties of projects in all the fields and modalities of cooperation referred to in the Article.

The Parties shall not be obliged to collaborate in those activities which have an internal restriction or any other restriction derived from a law, institutional rule custom.

Article 3

Cooperation Modalities

For the purposes of this Agreement, the technical cooperation between the Parties may be developed through joint efforts and the sharing of experiences and good practices between the Parties, and more specifically through the following modalities, within the framework of their respective technical cooperation structures:

- a) Exchange of experts;
- b) Exchange of documents and information;
- c) Training of human resources;
- d) Joint scientific and technological development projects;
- e) Organization of seminars or conferences, and
- f) Any other modality agreed upon by the Parties.

Article 4

Selection of Projects

The Parties shall carry out joint missions to the countries requesting their cooperation in order to jointly identify, together with the institutions of interested third countries, the activities, and to prepare the Project Documents to which this Agreement refers. The selection of the projects will be responsibility of the parties, jointly with the State in which cooperative activities will be carried out.

The Project Documents, which will specify the objectives, the results, the activities and the management and impact indicators intended to be achieved and their budget, shall be prepared jointly on the basis of participatory planning, and with the participation of the country requesting the cooperation activities.

The Project Documents shall be approved by the signature of all the Parties involved.

All activities provided for in the projects to which the Agreement refers shall be subject to the laws in force in the Argentine Republic, and in the country where the cooperation takes place.

Article 5

Executive Authorities

The Argentine Republic designates the General Directorate of International Cooperation of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Worship of the Argentine Republic to prepare, coordinate, follow up and assess the activities provided for under this Agreement on its behalf.

The OECS designates the OECS Commission to prepare, coordinate, follow up and assess the activities to be developed under this Agreement on its behalf.

Article 6

Institutional Support

The Parties may request, by mutual agreement, the support of public and private sector institutions, non governmental organizations, international organizations, technical cooperation agencies, regional and international funds and programs to implement the activities established in the Project Documents.

Article 7

Joint Coordination Committee

A Joint Coordination Committee shall be created for the development of technical cooperation activities, projects and programs and their follow-up and assessment, and it shall meet whenever necessary at least once a year, alternately in the Argentine Republic and at the Headquarters of the OECS, at venues and dates agreed upon through diplomatic channels).

The Joint Coordination Committee shall monitor the effective execution of this Agreement, shall prepare the activities program, shall annually evaluate the program as a whole and shall submit recommendations to the Parties as it deems appropriate.

This Committee shall be formed by the authorities mentioned in Article 5 and the institutions designated by the State in which the cooperation activities are carried out as well as by the organizations involved in the implementation of the programs and projects developed in the framework of this Agreement.

Article 8

Information

The Parties shall keep each other informed of their respective actions taken in the framework of this Agreement.

Article 9

Financing

The international transportation costs for the personnel referred in Article 3 shall be supported by the sending Party. The lodging, feeding and local transportation costs necessary for the execution of their activities within the framework of this Agreement shall be covered by the receiving Party, unless the Parties expressly agree otherwise.

The Parties may seek and obtain financing support from external sources, such as international organizations and third countries for the execution of programs and projects that are performed in accordance with this Agreement.

External sources of funding will be identified by mutual consent.