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**AGREEMENT ON TECHNICAL COOPERATION
BETWEEN
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE ARGENTINE REPUBLIC
AND
THE GOVERNMENT OF BELIZE**

The Government of the Argentine Republic and the Government of Belize, hereinafter referred as “the Parties”;

Desirous to strengthen the friendly relations and cooperation between the two countries by means of the promotion of technical cooperation;

Reaffirming the common will to work for the achievement of the objectives and the ideals of South-South cooperation;

Recognizing that the establishment of a wide and systematic reference framework will result in mutual benefits;

Have agreed as follows:

Article I

The purpose of this Agreement is to promote and develop Technical Cooperation between the Parties by means of the establishment of programs in priority areas, in accordance with their respective development policies, with projects of common interest for the exchange of experience and technical knowledge.

Article II

In the case of the Argentine Republic, the Ministry responsible for the implementation of the present Agreement will be the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Worship, through the General Directorate of International Cooperation (DGCIN).

In the case of Belize, the Ministry responsible for the implementation of the present Agreement will be the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, through the Cooperation Unit.

Each Party will designate an Officer who will serve as a liaison for the coordination of all activities that fall under this Agreement.

Article III

In order to implement the cooperation in the framework of this Agreement, the Parties will agree on activities, projects or programs of Technical Cooperation by diplomatic means, in any modality, which can be the object of specific agreements to be subscribed by the Parties or the institutions concerned, according to their respective fields of competence and budget availability.

Article IV

For the implementation of this Agreement, the technical cooperation between the Parties may be developed by means of the following modalities, among others:

1. The exchange of officials, experts, technicians and other relevant persons in the range of cooperation areas contemplated in this Agreement;
2. The development of human resources by means of complimentary agreements dealing with training, seminars and specialized courses;
3. The supply of materials and equipment necessary for the accomplishment of the programs and projects agreed upon;
4. The joint use of facilities, centers and institutions necessary for the accomplishment of the programs and projects agreed upon;
5. The sharing of information and best practices and studies that contribute to the economic and social development of both countries and of reports and publications on matters of mutual interest;
6. The interaction of public and private sector institutions as well as of nongovernmental organizations including their participation in the promotion and execution of activities agreed upon;
7. All other cooperation activities agreed upon by the Parties, especially those that may contribute to the development of the more vulnerable sectors of their populations.

Article V

The programs and projects that are developed by virtue of the arrangements of the present Agreement may be incorporated into regional or international programs and action plans in which both Parties participate.

The Parties can also request the participation of financial institutions and third parties (triangular cooperation) in the financing and/or execution of programs and projects that could arise from the cooperation programs anticipated in the present Agreement.

Article VI

To coordinate the activities of cooperation set forth by this Agreement, a Joint Commission Argentina - Belize may meet every two years alternating between both countries, in the dates and cities agreed on by the Parties through diplomatic channels.

The Government of the Argentine Republic will be represented by the Cooperation Authority mentioned in Article II in this Agreement, or any other higher officer from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Worship (MREC). The Government of Belize will be represented by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, through the Cooperation Unit, or any higher officer from that Ministry.

The Joint Commission will evaluate the execution of programs and projects in the frame of the prior meeting and, if it corresponds, approve the Working Plan for the next period and take the appropriate decisions as a result of the evaluation made.

The Parties may, likewise, organize extraordinary meetings by mutual agreement in order to follow up the projects in execution as well as evaluate projects and specific issues.

Article VII

Each Party shall provide any necessary facilities for the temporary or definitive entry of materials and equipments to be used in the designed projects and developed in the frame of this Agreement.

Official Technical Cooperation activities shall be exempted from all taxes and import and/or current or future export duties, as well as from the submission of any additional tax certificates. These provisions shall also apply, likewise, to goods, equipment and materials to be temporarily or permanently imported or exported for the execution of cooperation activities under this Agreement and the specific agreements mentioned in Article III.

Article VIII

The release of information related to the activities, programs and the projects implemented in the framework of this Agreement may be the object of

confidentiality agreements between the Parties and/or the institutions that will implement the projects.

Article IX

Both Parties will be responsible for their own participation in the programmes and activities agreed upon under this Agreement, or may agree on a case by case basis, how the costs of such participation will be covered.

In the case of sharing costs, and except when Parties agree otherwise, travel expenses and health insurance of the personnel mentioned in Article V shall be borne by the sending Party. Accommodation, food and local transport expenses for the execution of the activities in the context of this Agreement, shall be borne by the receiving Party.

Article X

Any dispute in regards to the interpretation or application of this Agreement will be resolved in good faith through consultation and common agreement of the Parties.

Article XI

This Agreement shall enter into force on the date on which both Parties notify each other that their internal legal requirements for the entry into force of the Agreement have been complied.

The duration of this Agreement will be for five (5) years, and shall be renewed automatically for identical periods, unless either Party notifies the other of its decision to terminate it, as provided for in article XIII.

Article XII

The present Agreement may be modified by mutual consent, and the modifications agreed upon shall enter into force on the date that both Parties, by exchange of diplomatic notes, inform each other that all their internal legal requirements to bring such modification into effect have been met.

Article XIII

This Agreement may be terminated by decision of any Party by means of written notification to the other Party through diplomatic channels six (6) months prior its expiration date. The termination of the Agreement shall not affect the