

## **AGREEMENT**

### **On agricultural cooperation between the Ministry of Agriculture of the Republic of Armenia and the Ministry of Agriculture of the People's Republic of China**

The Ministry of Agriculture of Republic of Armenia and the Ministry of Agriculture of the People's Republic of China (hereinafter referred to as the Contracting Parties);

- following the principles of legal equality, national independence and mutual benefit;
- believing that the bilateral cooperation in the field of agriculture will facilitate the improvement of livelihood of the two peoples;

have reached the following agreement on developing mutually beneficial cooperation in agriculture:

#### **Article 1**

The Contracting Parties will promote the development of the trade and economic cooperation in the field of agriculture, support establishment of the links between both state-owned and non-state-owned organizations and give necessary assistance to the cooperation partners at all levels in their cooperation.

#### **Article 2**

For the implementation of Article 1, the Contracting Parties will give priority to the cooperation in the following areas:

- plant-breeding, including agricultural crop breeding, and research for tapping feed resources;
- exchange of fruit tree germ plasm (apricot, grape, apple, pear, etc.);
- experience exchange in fruit tree disease control;
- exchange of experts and scholars to study the horticultural research development in the other country;
- exchange of experience and technology in mechanization of agricultural crop production and in agricultural machinery equipment (including investigation, designing, manufacturing and installation);
- investigation and research in agriculture irrigation and water-saving technology.

#### **Article 3**

The achievements of the cooperation may be provided to a third party subject to approval by both Contracting Parties. Exchanging information with and providing achievement to a third party must be in compliance with the respective current laws and regulations of the Contracting Parties and their commitments stated in international agreements.

#### **Article 4**

The Contracting Parties will conduct cooperation in the following ways:

- promotion of bilateral trade;
- exchange of agricultural information;
- exchange of visits by scientists, collaborators and experts;
- jointly organizing seminars and training courses;
- organizing exhibitions;
- encouraging the establishment of joint ventures.

#### **Article 5**

The Contracting Parties will establish a Joint Working Group for Agricultural Cooperation, comprising representatives from both Parties. A leader of the international cooperation department of the ministry of agriculture from each of the countries will act, respectively, as the head of the working group of his own country. The Joint Working Group will identify the cooperation projects and the ways for cooperation and will coordinate project implementation.

The Joint Working Group will meet periodically and alternately in the Republic of Armenia and the People's Republic of China.

#### **Article 6**

This Agreement shall enter force into force on the date when the Contracting Parties notify each other all necessary legal formalities for its entry into force have been completed.

This Agreement will be valid for a period of five years and will be extended automatically for the same periods unless either of the Parties expresses its desire to terminate it in a written form six months prior to its expiration.

This agreement can be amended and supplemented by the mutual consent of the Contracting Parties. The amendments and supplements shall be legalized by separate Protocols, which shall be integral part of this Agreement and shall enter into force in established order in which this Agreement enters into force.

The cancellation of this Agreement will not prevent the implementation of the work and services, which have begun but not yet finished at the moment of termination of this Agreement.

#### **Article 7**

Done in duplicate in Beijing on April 19, 1999 in the Armenian, Chinese and English languages, all three texts being equally authentic.

In case of divergence in interpretation, the English text shall prevail.

The Agreement has entered into force on October 14, 1999.