

AGREEMENT

Between the Government of the Republic of Armenia and the Government of the United States of America concerning the program of the Peace Corps of the United States of America in Armenia

The Government of the Republic of Armenia and the Government of the United States of America, recognizing the importance of developing mutually advantageous relationships and cooperation between their nations, have agreed, as follows:

Article 1

The Government of the United States will furnish such Peace Corps Volunteers as may be requested by the Government of the Republic of Armenia and approved by the Government of the United States to perform mutually agreed upon tasks in Armenia. The Volunteers will work under the immediate supervision of governmental and private organizations in Armenia designated by our two governments. The Government of the United States will provide training to enable the Volunteers to perform their tasks in the most effective manner.

Article 2

The Government of the Republic of Armenia will accord equitable treatment to the Volunteers and personnel performing functions under contract with the Peace Corps and their property; afford them full aid and protection, including treatment no less favorable than that accorded generally to nationals of the United States residing in Armenia and fully inform, consult and cooperate with Representatives of the Government of the United States with respect to all matters concerning them. The Government of the Republic of Armenia will exempt the Volunteers and personnel performing functions under contract with the Peace Corps from ail taxes on payments which they receive to defray their living costs, on income derived from their Peace Corps work and on income from sources outside Armenia, from all customs duties or other charges on their personal property introduced into Armenia for their own use, and from all other taxes or other charges (including immigration fees), except license fees.

Article 3

The Government of the United States will provide the Volunteers with such limited quantities of equipment and supplies as our two governments may consider necessary to enable the Volunteers to perform their tasks effectively. The Government of the Republic of Armenia will exempt from all taxes, customs

duties, and other charges all equipment and supplies introduced into or acquired in Armenia by the Government of the United States or any contractor financed by it, for use hereunder.

Article 4

To enable the Government of the United States to discharge its responsibilities under this agreement, the Government of the Republic of Armenia will receive a Representative and such staff of the Representative, and members of their families forming part of their households, as are acceptable to the Government of the Republic of Armenia. The Government of the Republic of Armenia will exempt such persons who are not citizens or permanent residents of Armenia from all taxes on income derived from their Peace Corps work or sources outside Armenia/ from all customs duties and other charges on their personal property introduced into Armenia for their own use, and from all other taxes or other charges (including immigration fees)/ except license fee. In addition, such persons and members of their families forming part of their house holds shall be accorded status equivalent to that accorded administrative and technical staff personnel of the Diplomatic mission of the United States of America except they will not be accorded immunity.

Article 5

The Government of the Republic of Armenia will exempt from deposit requirements and currency controls all funds introduced into Armenia for use hereunder by the Government of the United States or contractors financed by it. Such funds shall be convertible into currency of Armenia at the highest rate which is not unlawful in Armenia.

Article 6

Appropriate Representatives of our two governments may make from time to time such arrangements with respect to Peace Corps Volunteers and Peace Corps programs in Armenia as appear necessary or desirable for the purpose of implementing this agreement.

Article 7

The undertakings of each Government herein are subject to the availability of funds. Any disputes arising under this agreement will be resolved amicably by the two governments.

Article 8

This agreement may be amended from time to time by mutual consent of our two governments. In the event of a conflict between this agreement and a future agreement regarding cooperation to facilitate assistance, this agreement shall prevail concerning the Peace Corps program.

Article 9

This agreement shall enter into force on the date of signature and shall remain in force until ninety days after the date of the written notification from either Government to the other of the intention to terminate it.

Done at Washington/D.C. on September 24, 1992 in two original copies/ each in the Armenian and the English languages, both texts being equally authentic.

The Agreement has entered into force on September 24, 1992.