

## **AGREEMENT**

### **Between the Government of the Republic of Armenia and the Government of the United States of America regarding operation to facilitate the provision of humanitarian and technical economic assistance**

The Government of the Republic of Armenia and the Government of the United States of America;

Recognizing the interest of the Government of the Republic of Armenia and the Government of the United States of America in cooperating to facilitate the provision of Humanitarian and Technical Assistance to benefit the people of Armenia; and

Recognizing the need to make certain practical arrangements to help ensure effectiveness of that assistance;

Have agreed as follows:

#### **Article 1**

##### **Taxes and other charges**

(a) Commodities, supplies or other property provided or utilized in connection with the United States assistance programs may be imported into, exported from, or used in Armenia free from any tariffs, dues, customs duties, import taxes and other similar taxes or charges imposed by Armenia or any subdivision thereof.

(b) Any United States Government or United States private organization that has responsibility for implementing United States assistance programs, and any personnel of such private organization who are not nationals of or ordinarily resident in Armenia and that are present in Armenia in connection with such programs shall be exempt from (1) any income, social security or other taxes imposed by Armenia, or any subdivision thereof, regarding income received in connection with the implementation of United States Assistance programs, and (2) the payment of any tariffs, dues, customs duties, import taxes and other similar taxes or charges upon personnel or household goods imported into, exported from, or used in Armenia for the personnel use of such personnel or members of their families.

(c) The access and movement of aircraft and vessels operated by or for the United States of America in connection with the United States Assistance programs in Armenia shall be free of landing fees, navigation charges, port charges, tolls and similar charges by Armenia, or any subdivision thereof.

#### **Article 2**

##### **Status of personnel -**

## **Civilian and military personnel of the United States**

Government personnel present in Armenia in connection with the United States assistance programs shall be accorded status equivalent to that accorded administrative and technical staff personnel under the Vienna Convention on diplomatic relations of April 18, 1961. Nothing in this Agreement shall be construed to derogate from privileges and immunities granted to such personnel under other agreements.

### **Article 3 Inspection and audit**

Upon reasonable request, representatives of the Government of the United States of America may examine the utilization of any commodities, supplies, other property or services provided under United States assistance programs at sites of their location or use; and may inspect or audit any records or other documentation in connection with the Assistance wherever such records or documentation are located during the period in which the United States provides Assistance to Armenia and for three years thereof.

### **Article 4 Use of assistance**

Any commodities, supplies, or other property provided under the United States Assistance programs will be used solely for the purposes agreed upon between the Governments of Armenia and the United States of America. If use of any commodities, supplies or other property occurs for purposes other than those agreed upon under such programs, which the Government of the United States of America determines could reasonably have been prevented by appropriate action of the Government of the Republic of Armenia, the Government of the Republic of Armenia upon request shall refund in United States dollars to the Government of the United States of America, the amount disbursed for such commodities, supplies or other property. The Government of the United States of America may, in its discretion, make available the amount refunded to finance other costs of the Assistance activity involved.

### **Article 5 Other agreements**

The Government of the Republic of Armenia and the Government of the United States of America recognize that further arrangements or agreements may be necessary or desirable with respect to particular United States assistance activities. In case of inconsistency between this Agreement and any such further

written agreements, the provisions of such further written agreements shall prevail.

**Article 6**  
**Entry into force**

(a) This agreement shall enter into force upon signature by both parties.

(b) This Agreement shall remain in force for ninety (90) days after the receipt by either party of written notification of the intention of the other to terminate it. In such event, the provisions of this Agreement shall continue to apply with respect to Assistance furnished before the date of termination of this Agreement.

Done at Yerevan, Armenia this fifteenth day of December 1992 in the Armenian and English languages, both texts being equally authentic.

*The Agreement has entered into force on December 15, 1992.*