

**AGREEMENT ON TECHNICAL COOPERATION IN THE FIELD OF
AGRICULTURE AND AGRICULTURE RELATED FIELDS BETWEEN
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES AND
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE STATE OF ISRAEL**

The Government of the Republic of the Philippines and the Government of the State of Israel, hereinafter referred to as the "Contracting Parties":

Desiring to strengthen the existing friendly relations between the two countries through the development of cooperation in the field of agricultural science and technology; and Recognizing the benefits to be derived by their respective peoples from the implementation of such cooperation:

Have agreed as follows:

ARTICLE I

The Contracting Parties shall promote cooperation activities on agricultural science and technology between the two countries through joint activities, programs and exchanges.

ARTICLE II

Joint activities to be undertaken will be determined by the Contracting Parties and will be in conformity with the laws and agricultural policies of both countries.

The cooperation will be in the areas of agricultural cooperatives; marketing, distribution and storage of agricultural produce; irrigation and water management; agricultural machinery; plant science; fruit and vegetable production and processing; production and postharvest handling of cutflowers; livestock, dairy and poultry production and processing; animal health; soil management and aquaculture; and other additional fields as agreed by the Parties.

ARTICLE III

The cooperation will be effected through, but not limited to, the exchange of materials and information; the exchange of scientists, experts and trainees; the joint publication of studies and papers; the provision of scholarship programs; the organization of trainings, symposia and conferences; joint ventures, and other means as may be agreed upon.

ARTICLE IV

Both Parties shall grant to the long term specialized personnel of the other Party the status, privileges and immunities accorded to U.N. international experts on a mission of technical assistance.

ARTICLE V

A Joint Working Group shall be formed to determine joint activities and provide guidance, review the progress of activities and facilitate cooperation. The Joint Working Group shall meet once every two years in Manila and Jerusalem,