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AGREEMENT ESTABLISHING A REGISTRY OF SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL SERVICES FOR THE ASIAN AND PACIFIC REGION

Note: The Agreement entered into force for the Philippines, July 17, 1971.

Reference: This Agreement is also published in X DFA TS No. 1, p. 52.

The Contracting Parties being members or observers of the Asian and Pacific Council (hereinafter called the "Council"),

Recognizing that the governments and peoples of the Asian and Pacific Region have a common interest in strengthening their existing bonds of solidarity and co-operation.

Being convinced that the sharing of information and expertise in the scientific and technological fields related to development of the region can be greatly enhanced by promoting co-operation between professional groups concerned with the application of science and technology within the region.

Desiring to give effect to the decision of the Ministerial Meeting of the Council at its 6th Session held at Manila, Philippines from 14 to 16, July 1971 that the Registry of Scientific and Technical Services for the Asian and Pacific region should now become a project of the Council.

Have agreed as follows:

ARTICLE I

TRANSFER OF CONTROL OF THE REGISTRY OF SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL SERVICES

1. The Registry of Scientific and Technical Services (hereinafter called the "Registry") formally set up by agreement of the Council at the Second Ministerial Meeting in Bangkok and subsequently established and operated by the Australian Government is hereby transferred to the control of the Council.
2. The Registry shall operate in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement and shall be located in the territory of one of the Contracting Parties as may be decided by the Council.

ARTICLE II

PURPOSE

The purpose of the Registry is to develop a central bank of information on the location of scientific and technical expertise within the ASFAC region by collecting

information on the activities of organizations concerned with economic development within the ASPAC region and by other means. Such information shall be readily available for the benefit of the ASPAC countries.

ARTICLE III

FUNCTIONS In order to achieve the above purposes in close cooperation with scientists and technologists in the region and with other international organizations, the Registry will undertake projects designed:

- (1) to enable professional groups in ASPAC countries to become aware of the work of their colleagues in similar fields;
- (2) to encourage co-operative working arrangements on scientific and technical problems between countries;
- (3) to improve communication between professional groups engaged in fields of economic development in ASPAC countries;
- (4) to enable developing countries to evaluate the availability of assistance for particular technical projects in ASPAC countries.

To achieve the above objectives the Registry shall publish reliable and up-to-date scientific and technical information. This will include a series of Registers which shall give details of individual scientific and technical groups and their projects. Such information shall be readily available to ASPAC countries.

ARTICLE IV

MEMBERSHIP

1. Governments which are members or observers of the Council shall be entitled to membership in the Registry and shall become Members by signing this Agreement.
2. Governments which are neither members nor observers of the Council may be admitted to membership in the Registry upon the approval of the Council and the subsequent deposit of an instrument of accession to this Agreement.
3. Governments which are admitted to membership of the Registry as provided in this Article whether or not they are members or observers of the Council are hereinafter referred to as "Members".

ARTICLE V

RELATIONSHIP WITH THE COUNCIL

The Council shall have the power to determine the general policies of the Registry.

ARTICLE VI

ORGANIZATION

The Registry shall have an Executive Board (hereinafter called the "Board") and a Secretariat with a Technical Advisory Committee.

ARTICLE VII

EXECUTIVE BOARD

1. The Board shall be composed of representatives of Members. Each Member shall designate one representative.

2. The Board shall have the following powers and functions:

(1) to appoint the Director of the Registry;

(2) to adopt the Work Programme and the annual budget of revenue and expenditure of the Registry;

(3) to approve the annual report on the operation and the annual financial report on revenue and expenditure of the Registry, submitted by the Director;

(4) to report to the Council on the Work Programme, budget and activities of the Registry;

(5) to arrange for the auditing of the accounts of the Registry;

(6) to make recommendations in accordance with Article III of the Agreement;

(7) to approve agreements and arrangements referred to in Article XI of this Agreement;

(8) to receive assistance referred to in Article VII of this Agreement;

(9) to appoint as necessary ad hoc committees composed of representatives of Members;

(10) to exercise such other functions as are appropriate under this Agreement.

3. The Board shall establish its own rules of procedure.

4. The Board shall hold an annual meeting and such other meetings as may be required in accordance with its rules of procedure.

5. The Board shall elect its Chairman and Vice-Chairman in accordance with its rules of procedure.

6. The representative of each Member shall have one vote in the Board. Except as otherwise provided in this Agreement, all matters before the Board shall be decided

by a majority of the representatives present and voting. The Work Programme referred to in paragraph 2 (ii) and recommendations referred to in paragraph 2(vi) of this Article shall be decided by a unanimous vote of the representatives of Members present and voting.

7. A quorum for the meeting of the Board shall be a majority of the representatives of Members.

8. The inaugural meeting of the Board shall be called by the Government of the Commonwealth of Australia within six months after the coming into force of this Agreement.

ARTICLE VIII

SECRETARIAT

1. The Secretariat shall consist of a Director and supporting staff, advised by a Technical Advisory Committee comprising representatives of those Government agencies nominated by their Governments to co-operate with the Registry on technical matters.

2. The Director shall be appointed by the Board upon the recommendation of a VI member for a term of three years under such conditions as the Board may determine. He shall be eligible for re appointment. His appointment shall not, however, exceed two consecutive terms.

3. The Director shall assist the Board, to which he shall be responsible, and for this purpose shall, in addition to the powers assigned to him expressly by this Agreement, exercise all the powers delegated to him by the Board.

4. The Director shall be the legal representative of the Registry.

5. The Director shall participate, without voting rights, in meetings of the Board and may be invited to attend meetings of the Council.

6. The Director shall be the chief executive officer of the Secretariat. He shall be responsible to the Board for the formulation of the Work Programme and budget estimates and for carrying out the work of the Registry.

7. The Director shall appoint the staff of the Secretariat in accordance with staff regulations to be approved by the Board. In appointing the professional staff, the Director shall, subject to the need to secure the highest standards of integrity, efficiency, and technical competence, pay due regard to their recruitment on as wide a regional geographical basis as possible.

8. The Director and the members of the staff of the Registry, in the discharge of their offices, owe their duty entirely to the Registry and to no other authority. They shall not seek or receive instructions from any government or from any authority external to the Registry.

9. Rules and regulations governing the administration, organization, and financial affairs of the Registry shall be determined by the Director with the approval of the