

No. 7236

INTERNATIONAL ATOMIC ENERGY AGENCY
and
IRAQ, LEBANON, LIBYA, TUNISIA,
UNITED ARAB REPUBLIC, etc.

Agreement (with annexes) for the establishment in Cairo of a Middle Eastern Regional Radioisotope Centre for the Arab countries. Approved by the Board of Governors of the International Atomic Energy Agency on 14 September 1962

Official texts : English and French.

Registered by the United Arab Republic on 30 April 1964.

AGENCE INTERNATIONALE DE L'ÉNERGIE ATOMIQUE
et
IRAK, LIBAN, LIBYE, TUNISIE,
RÉPUBLIQUE ARABE UNIE. etc.

Accord (avec annexes) relatif au projet concernant la création au Caire d'un Centre régional de radioisotopes du Moyen-Orient pour les pays arabes. Approuvé par le Conseil des gouverneurs de l'Agence internationale de l'énergie atomique le 14 septembre 1962

Textes officiels anglais et français.

Enregistré par la République arabe unie le 30 avril 1964.

Nº 7236. AGREEMENT¹ FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT IN CAIRO OF A MIDDLE EASTERN REGIONAL RADIO-ISOTOPE CENTRE FOR THE ARAB COUNTRIES. APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF THE INTERNATIONAL ATOMIC ENERGY AGENCY ON 14 SEPTEMBER 1962

WHEREAS the International Atomic Energy Agency (hereinafter called the "Agency") is authorized under its Statute² to encourage the training of scientists and experts in the field of peaceful uses of atomic energy and to assist research on atomic energy for peaceful uses throughout the world;

¹ In accordance with Section 32, the Agreement entered into force on 29 January 1963, upon deposit of the instrument of acceptance by the United Arab Republic, in respect of the International Atomic Energy Agency and the Governments of Lebanon, Libya, Tunisia and the United Arab Republic, on behalf of which the instruments of acceptance, or formal undertakings to seek acceptance as rapidly as possible under their constitutional procedures and during the period of twelve months from 1 January 1963, were deposited with the Host State (the United Arab Republic) on the dates indicated:

	<i>Undertaking</i>	<i>Acceptance</i>
Tunisia	13 December 1962	31 December 1963
Lebanon	24 December 1962	28 August 1963
Libya	14 January 1963	22 December 1963
United Arab Republic		29 January 1963

The Agreement entered into force subsequently in respect of the following States on the respective dates of deposit of their instruments of acceptance:

	<i>Undertaking</i>	<i>Acceptance</i>
Yemen	16 March 1963	29 July 1963
Kuwait		27 May 1963
Iraq	20 June 1963	24 December 1963

Formal undertakings were also deposited by Morocco and Algeria, on 9 January 1963 and 15 February 1963, respectively. However, these undertakings were not followed by the deposit of an instrument of acceptance within the time-limit prescribed by Section 32.

The Board of Governors of the Agency decided that its approval of the Agreement was subject to the following understandings:

(a) That Section 21 of the Agreement shall not preclude acceptance in exceptional cases of a few fellows from other States eligible for assistance under the United Nations Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance (EPTA), provided that the cost of the participation of such fellows shall not be borne by the centre;

(b) That the annual report referred to in Section 28 of the Agreement shall include a financial statement for the year to which it relates, the programme for the subsequent year and such views on health and safety measures as may be developed by the Technical Adviser in accordance with Section 29; and

(c) That US \$ 50 000 shall be the maximum amount which the Director General shall allocate to this regional project in 1963; that the Agency's contribution in 1964 shall not exceed one-third of the total funds available to the Agency under EPTA in that year for regional centres and connected projects; and that in any subsequent EPTA biennial programme-period the Agency's contributions from funds available under EPTA for such purposes shall be equitably distributed among those regional centres and connected projects which are in operation or may be established during that period.

² See footnote 1, p. 298 of this volume.

WHEREAS the United Arab Republic (hereinafter called the “ Host State ”) has submitted a request to the Agency for the establishment in Cairo of a Middle Eastern Regional Radioisotope Centre for the Arab Countries (hereinafter called the “ Centre ”);

WHEREAS the Host State has declared its readiness for its National Radioisotope Centre and associated facilities to be converted into such a Centre;

WHEREAS the Arab States have expressed their collective support for such a Centre;

WHEREAS the Board of Governors of the Agency decided on 23 June 1960 to endorse the request of the Host State for the establishment of such a Centre; and

WHEREAS the Board of Governors of the Agency has received a satisfactory report on two training courses held in 1961 by the Agency at the National Radiosotope Centre in co-operation with the Host State;

The Board of Governors of the Agency on 14 September 1962 approved this Agreement for the Establishment in Cairo of the Centre.

Article I

ESTABLISHMENT OF THE CENTRE

Section 1. The Host State, the other Arab States parties to this Agreement (hereinafter called the “ Participating States ”) and the Agency have agreed to establish the Centre in Cairo.

Section 2. The seat of the Centre shall be at Dokki, Cairo, United Arab Republic.

Article II

PARTICIPATION IN THE AGREEMENT

Section 3. Participation in this Agreement shall be open to the Arab States and the Agency.

Article III

AIMS AND FUNCTIONS

Section 4. The aims and functions of the Centre shall be in conformity with the Agency's Statute and shall be :

- (a) With due regard to the needs and facilities of the Host State and the Participating States, to train specialists in the application of radioisotopes by conducting general and specialized courses, in particular in the medical,

agricultural and industrial applications of radioisotopes, in health physics and in radiation protection;

- (b) To conduct research using radioisotope techniques in subjects of interest to the Host State and the Participating States, such as hydrology, tropical and sub-tropical diseases, fertilizers and entomology; and
- (c) To promote in general the development of the applications of radioisotopes in the countries the Centre is serving.

Article IV

ORGANS

Section 5. The organs of the Centre shall be :

- (a) The Governing Body;
- (b) The Director; and
- (c) The Technical Adviser.

Article V

THE GOVERNING BODY

Section 6. The Governing Body shall consist of :

- (a) One representative of the Host State;
- (b) Three representatives of the Participating States to be elected by them upon entry into force of this Agreement; and
- (c) The Director General of the Agency or his representative.

Section 7. The Governing Body shall select its own Chairman. It shall adopt its own rules of procedure.

Section 8. The Governing Body shall approve annually the programme of work and the budget of the Centre, and generally supervise its activities. It shall perform the other functions that are assigned to it in other articles of this Agreement.

Article VI

THE DIRECTOR

Section 9. The Centre shall be administered by the Director, appointed by the Host State after consultation with the Governing Body. The Director shall be under the authority of the Governing Body, and shall be its representative. He shall be responsible for the recruitment of the staff of the Centre, provided that the technical staff shall be recruited in consultation with the Technical Adviser.

Section 10. The conditions of service of the Director and of the staff not falling under the Financial Regulations and Rules governing the United Nations Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance pursuant to Section 18 of this Agreement shall be determined by the Governing Body.

Section 11. The staff of the Centre shall be responsible to the Director.

Article VII

THE TECHNICAL ADVISER

Section 12. The Technical Adviser shall be appointed by the Agency after consultation with the Host State and the Governing Body. He shall advise on the scientific aspects of the training courses and on the planning and supervision of the research work, as laid down in the programme of work approved by the Governing Body.

Article VIII

INTERNATIONAL CHARACTER OF RESPONSIBILITY

Section 13. The responsibilities of the Director, the Technical Adviser and the staff in the discharge of their duties shall be international in character.

Article IX

BUDGET AND FINANCE

Section 14. Contributions to the budget of the Centre, in the manner specified below, shall be made available by the Host State, the Participating States listed in Annex I¹ and the Agency.

Section 15. The Host State shall make available to the Centre without charge the necessary land, buildings and furniture, as well as the equipment listed in Annex II,² all of which shall remain the property of the Host State. It shall be responsible for the protection of the said land, buildings, furniture and equipment.

Section 16. The operating costs of the Centre, including its maintenance and public utilities, and the costs of fellows from the Host State, shall be financed by annual contributions paid directly to the Centre by the Host State and by the Participating States in accordance with the scale of contributions set forth in Annex I. The scale takes into account the greater responsibility of the Host State and may be varied by unanimous decision of the Governing Body.

¹ See p. 234 of this volume.

² See p. 236 of this volume.