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**INTERNATIONAL ATOMIC ENERGY AGENCY
and
FOOD AND AGRICULTURE ORGANIZATION
OF THE UNITED NATIONS**

**Agreement concerning co-operation in the AGRIS project.
Signed at Rome on 14 February 1978 and at Vienna on
10 May 1978**

**Amendment No. 1 to the above-mentioned Agreement. Signed
at Rome on 30 June 1978 and at Vienna on 22 August 1978**

**Amendment No. 2 to the above-mentioned Agreement. Signed
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AGREEMENT¹ BETWEEN THE INTERNATIONAL ATOMIC ENERGY AGENCY AND THE FOOD AND AGRICULTURE ORGANIZATION OF THE UNITED NATIONS CONCERNING CO-OPERATION IN THE AGRIS PROJECT

AGREEMENT between the FOOD AND AGRICULTURE ORGANIZATION OF THE UNITED NATIONS with its Headquarters situated in Rome, Italy, and the INTERNATIONAL ATOMIC ENERGY AGENCY with its Headquarters situated in Vienna, Austria.

WHEREAS the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (hereinafter referred to as "FAO") and the International Atomic Energy Agency (hereinafter referred to as "IAEA") entered into an Agreement² in 1960 to facilitate the effective attainment of the objectives set forth in their respective constitutional instruments and concerning the most efficient use of personnel and resources and the determination of costs arising out of compliance by either Organization with a request for assistance; and

WHEREAS IAEA and FAO have concluded an Agreement, covering the 1975-1977 period, relating to collaboration in the implementation and operation of the AGRIS project,³ and which collaboration has proved effective and satisfactory; and

WHEREAS the Directors-General of FAO and IAEA consider that it will be in the interests of both Organizations to pursue this collaboration;

NOW, THEREFORE, FAO and IAEA hereby agree as follows:

Article I. FUNCTIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

(a) FAO shall make arrangements for the regular delivery of AGRIS input data, in magnetic tape form, conforming to the established AGRIS input standards, to IAEA for processing.

(b) FAO shall maintain in Vienna an "AGRICULTURE INPUT UNIT" to (i) convert data submitted in a form other than magnetic tape; (ii) correct input data as required; (iii) ensure liaison with inputting centres and the AGRIS Coordinating Centre at FAO Headquarters for further AGRINDEX operations; (iv) check the output; (v) assist in software development and maintenance for both input and output operations of the system; and (vi) generally perform all operations other than those for which the IAEA shall assume responsibility.

(c) FAO shall outpost to Vienna two Information System Officers, one of whom shall serve as Liaison Officer and shall head the "AGRICULTURE INPUT UNIT" responsible for the input control, input conversion/processing, processing follow-up, output dispatch and related AGRIS operations as well as liaison with the INIS Section of IAEA.

(d) IAEA shall modify the INIS/AGRICULTURE software, if and as required, to meet the requirements which actual operation will indicate.

(e) IAEA shall, as a regular feature, provide for duplication of output tapes (Master Tape) every production cycle in a number of copies to be agreed upon by both parties. These shall be handed over to the "AGRICULTURE INPUT UNIT" for dispatch to participating centres.

¹ Came into force on 10 May 1978 by signature, with retroactive effect from 1 January 1978, in accordance with article 4 (a).

² See "Agreement approved by General Conference of the International Atomic Energy Agency on 18 November 1957" in United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 361, p. 211.

³ United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 1022, p. 400.

IAEA shall maintain cumulative files for (i) preparing the cumulative index to AGRINDEX; (ii) providing access to the AGRIS data base for *ad hoc* retrieval queries, and (iii) duplicating back-file tapes.

(f) IAEA shall prepare the photocomposition tape and production of films, ready for printing and publication of the AGRINDEX and its cumulative indexes.

(g) IAEA shall, if required, and to the extent that its resources permit, brief or train officials of centres that are, or intend to become, participants in the AGRIS system with respect to input preparation and validation procedures.

Article 2. ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS

(a) All correspondence regarding the implementation of this Agreement, as well as all invoices, other than signed letters of Agreement or Amendments thereto, should be addressed to the operating unit of FAO as follows:

Senior Information Systems Officer
AGRIS Coordinating Centre
Food and Agriculture Organization
of the United Nations
Via delle Terme di Caracalla
00100 Rome, Italy

(b) The Director, Division of Scientific and Technical Information of IAEA, shall be responsible for the implementation of this Agreement and shall serve as the contact point with FAO.

(c) IAEA shall designate an Officer who shall maintain contacts with the AGRIS Liaison Officer. The AGRIS Liaison Officer shall be responsible for all communications and contacts with (i) the national/regional/international AGRIS Centres participating in AGRIS; (ii) the publisher of AGRINDEX: APIMONDIA (Bucharest); (iii) the AGRIS Coordinating Centre at FAO Headquarters. All matters concerning AGRIS current operations, including queries thereon addressed directly to IAEA shall be referred to the AGRIS Liaison Officer.

(d) Professional FAO staff and consultants assigned to Vienna will be accorded all benefits accorded professional IAEA staff of equal rank, wherever possible.

(e) All staff members assigned to the AGRIS project in Vienna (whether FAO or IAEA) will be subject to the general supervision of the IAEA Director (or his representative), Division of Scientific and Technical Information.

(f) IAEA shall provide the following facilities for the AGRIS Input Unit:

- (i) Suitable office accommodation for its staff;
- (ii) Service facilities, electricity and telephone, access to telex, cable and mail services;
- (iii) Usual office equipment (desk, chair, cupboards or filing cabinets);
- (iv) Such special equipment and supplies as may be necessary to give effect to this Agreement, including equipment for converting input to machine-readable form.

Article 3. FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS

(a) FAO shall reimburse IAEA for the costs incurred by it in giving effect to the present Agreement on the basis of full cost recovery. Such reimbursement for the services described below shall not exceed, in the calendar year 1978, the equivalent of US\$198,000 on the basis of the following estimates: