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FOR PUBLIC WORKS DEVELOPMENT BETWEEN THE
GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
AND THE GOVERNMENT OF EGYPT. SIGNED AT
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The Government of the United States of America and the Government of Egypt have agreed as follows :

Article I

THE OPERATING AGENCIES

Pursuant to the General Agreement for Technical Cooperation, signed on behalf of the two Governments on 5 May 1951,² a cooperative program in the field of Public Works Development shall be initiated in Egypt.

The obligations assumed herein by the Government of Egypt will be performed by the Ministry of Public Works (hereinafter referred to as the "Ministry"). The obligations assumed herein by the Government of the United States of America will be performed by Technical Cooperation Administration (hereinafter referred to as the "Administration"), an agency of the Government of the United States of America.

The Ministry, on behalf of the Government of Egypt, and the Administration, on behalf of the Government of the United States of America, shall participate jointly in all phases of the planning and administration of this cooperative program. This Agreement and all activities carried out pursuant to it shall be governed by the provisions of the said General Agreement for Technical Cooperation.

Article II

OBJECTIVES

The objective of this program agreement is to assist in improving economic and social conditions in Egypt by facilitating the following activities :

- a. Demonstrations of the possibilities of improved water conservation and management on existing cultivated land for increased agricultural production.

¹ Came into force on 12 March 1953, as from the date of signature, in accordance with article XII.

² United Nations, *Treaty Series*, Vol. 198, p. 265.

- b. Aiding in the expansion of the cultivated area of Egypt.
- c. Aiding in developing new sources of hydro-electric power, or such other natural resource developments as may be undertaken by the Ministry of Public Works.

Article III

FIELDS OF ACTIVITY

This cooperative program will include, to the extent that the parties hereto from time to time agree upon, operations of the following type :

- a. Ground water surveys in various parts of Egypt to determine the extent, availability, and quality of new and present sources of underground water for well irrigation.
- b. Demonstrations of the feasibility and practicability of well irrigation in Nile flood basin areas, desert fringe areas of the Nile Valley and Delta, and certain of the larger oases.
- c. Improvements, developments, investigations or research in the various aspects of agricultural drainage and water distribution practices, including improving present irrigation practices and utilisation of existing water supplies and facilities for developing new land.
- d. Preliminary appraisals and investigations of new water and power development possibilities which utilise natural resources, such as the Nile River, the Qattara Depression, or other features.
- e. Assistance in inventory of land and water resources to provide proper bases for planning future developments.
- f. Training, both within and outside Egypt, related to these fields of activity.
- g. Other projects within the scope and objectives of this Agreement as mutually agreed upon.

Article IV

THE TECHNICAL MISSION

The Administration agrees to furnish a group of technicians and specialists to collaborate in carrying out this cooperative program. The technicians and specialists made available by the Administration under this Agreement, together with those so made available under other program agreements with the Government of Egypt, will constitute the Technical Mission of the Administration in

Egypt. This technical mission is headed by a Director of Technical Cooperation (hereinafter referred to as the "Director"). The Director and other members of the technical mission shall be appointed by the Government of the United States of America. Technicians sent from the United States to work on this program shall be subject to acceptance by the Government of Egypt.

Article V

JOINT COMMITTEE

There is hereby established the Egyptian-American Joint Committee for Public Works Development (hereinafter referred to as the "Committee"). The Committee shall coordinate and direct the cooperative program for public works development in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement. The Minister of Public Works (hereinafter referred to as the "Minister") or his designee and the Director or his designee shall serve as Co-Directors of the Committee. The funds of the Committee may be maintained in such bank or banks as the Co-Directors shall select and shall be available only for the purposes of this Agreement.

Article VI

PROGRAM FINANCING

The parties hereto shall contribute and make available to the extent provided below, funds and other contributions for use in carrying out the program during the period covered by this Agreement, in accordance with the following schedules :

1. The Government of the United States of America during the period from date of entry into force of this Agreement to and including June 30, 1953, shall make available the funds necessary to pay the salaries and other expenses of the members of the technical mission, as well as such other expenses of an administrative nature as the Government of the United States of America may incur in connection with this cooperative program. These funds shall be administered by the Administration and shall not be deposited to the credit of the Committee.

2. In addition, for the period from the date of entry into force of this Agreement through June 30, 1953, the Government of the United States of America shall make available to the Committee for use in the cooperative program, the sum of \$ 718,000. The parties hereto agree that initially this sum shall be held in the United States of America. The Minister and the Director may hereafter agree, in project agreements or amendments thereto, to the deposit in cash of any part of such sum to the credit of the Committee in such installments as they may agree upon. The remainder, if any, of the United States contribution to this cooperative