AGREEMENT
BETWEEN
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE STATE OF ISRAEL
AND
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE DEMOCRATIC SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF SRI LANKA
ON
COOPERATION IN THE FIELD OF AGRICULTURE

The Government of the State of Israel and the Government of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka (hereinafter referred to as "the Parties"),

Recognizing the importance of cooperation in the agricultural and food sectors between the two countries, in line with their national agricultural policies and development programs, agree to develop, promote and expand agricultural cooperation between the two countries.

Have agreed as follows:

ARTICLE 1

The Parties agree to:

a) cooperate, in order to contribute to the achievement of national and institutional goals of agricultural development.

b) promote exchange of technical and scientific knowledge, for the benefit of the agricultural sectors in both countries, as well as the exchange, of data and experience on agricultural policies and their implementation.

c) encourage cooperation between the respective associations , organizations and private sector of both countries.

ARTICLE 2

Taking into account the relative advantages in the field of agricultural and rural development of both countries respectively, the following topics of cooperation are suggested:

a) Capacity building and transfer of know how.

b) Technology transfer.

c) Development of Extension and R&D Systems.

d) Exchange of scientific and agricultural technology information.

e) Promote public private partnerships (PPP).

f) Enhance diversification and intensification of agricultural production (e.g. with emphasis on livestock and horticulture).

g) Water management and innovative irrigation technologies.

h) Rural development inter alia alternative economic activities.

i) Land conservation and precision agricultural practices.

ARTICLE 3

The Parties shall share their knowledge in the field of agriculture through exchange of data about their agrarian law, statistics and any other matters of mutual interest.

ARTICLE 4

In order to facilitate the bilateral trade in agricultural products the Parties shall encourage the exchange of information about their regulations, concerning phytosanitary, plant protection and veterinary issues.

ARTICLE 5

The Parties will jointly promote symposia and seminars on farming and the above mentioned topics.

ARTICLE 6

The financing of activities shall be mutually agreed upon.

ARTICLE 7

The exchange of experts and know-how will be part of the implementation of this Agreement.

ARTICLE 8

This Agreement may be amended at any time by the mutual agreement between the Parties. The amendments shall enter into force with the same procedures specified in Article 9.

ARTICLE 9

This Agreement shall enter into force on the date of the latter of the Diplomatic Notes by which the Parties notify each other that their respective internal legal requirements for the entering into force of the Agreement have been complied with.

This Agreement shall remain in force for a period of five (5) years. It will be automatically extended for additional periods of five (5) years each. However, either Party may terminate it at any time by giving written notice of termination to the other Party, through the diplomatic channels. In that case this Agreement shall be terminated upon the expiry of six months from the date of the notification of the termination.

The termination of this Agreement shall not affect any programmes undertaken prior to the termination of this Agreement, unless otherwise agreed to by the Parties.

Done at _____, on _____ , 2011, which corresponds to the day of _____ 5771, in two original copies, each in the Hebrew, Sinhala and English languages, all texts being equally authentic. In case of divergence of interpretation, the English version shall prevail.

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