AGREEMENT
BETWEEN
AGRARIAN SCIENCE CENTER OF AZERBAIJAN
AND
THE INTERNATIONAL CENTER FOR AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH IN THE DRY AREAS
(ICARDA)

Given the mutual interest of the Agrarian Science Center of Azerbaijan (hereinafter referred to as the Center) and the International Center for Agricultural Research in the Dry Areas (hereinafter referred to as ICARDA) in documenting, characterizing and conserving the genetic resources of ICARDA mandate crops and their wild relatives, the Agrarian Science Center of Azerbaijan and ICARDA have agreed to the following:

ARTICLE I

This Agreement is additional to, and does not replace, any prior agreements between the Center and ICARDA.

ARTICLE II

The Center, through the Research Institute of Agriculture, agrees to form a team of three persons who will establish a genetic resources unit whose responsibility it will be to:

1. Initially undertake an inventory of the genetic resource holdings in Azerbaijan of:
   (a) Landraces (old varieties) of cereal crops.
   (b) Wild relatives of cereal crops.
   (c) Landraces of food legume crops.
   (d) Wild relatives of food legume crops.
   (e) Landraces and wild relatives of fodder and pasture species.

2. Document these holdings in a suitable database system.

3. Assemble representative samples of these accessions in one location that will be conducive to long-term and viable storage of the seeds of these accessions.

4. Maintain these accessions in a viable state.

5. Characterize these accessions according to international gene bank standards.

ARTICLE III

ICARDA agrees to initially support the formation and functioning of this genetic resource unit as follows:

1. Provide one computer, printer, scanner and funds to install an e-mail connection.

2. Provide training in genetic resources documentation.

3. Provide operating costs for the first year of operation. This support will continue for at least three years depending upon the ongoing performance of the unit.

4. Will actively seek further funding to expand the capabilities of the unit.

5. Where appropriate provide training and technical advice as needed.
6. Facilitate coordination and exchange of ideas between the units operating in the other countries of the Central Asia and Caucasus region.

ARTICLE IV

All results obtained through this cooperation shall be published under the name of both parties. Costs of printing and publishing joint publications will be supported by ICARDA for the period of this agreement.

ARTICLE V

This Agreement shall enter into effect on the date of signing by official representatives of both parties. An original signed copy will be deposited with each party.

The Agreement may be amended upon written request of either party and by written consent of both parties.

This agreement shall be valid for three years unless either party expresses in writing its wish to terminate the agreement.

For the International Center for Agricultural Research in the Dry Areas:

Signed:

Prof. Dr. Adil Musayev  
Director General

Date:

For the Agrarian Science Center of Azerbaijan:

Signed:

Acad. Asad Musayev  
Director General

Date:

For the Azerbaijan Agricultural Research Institute:

Signed:

Acad. Asad Musayev  
Director General

Date: