AGREEMENT

BETWEEN THE INTERNATIONAL CENTER FOR AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH IN THE DRY AREAS (ICARDA) AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF UZBEKISTAN

ON COOPERATION IN THE FIELD OF AGRICULTURAL SCIENCE

The International Center for Agriculture Research in the Dry Areas (the ICARDA) and the Government of the Republic of Uzbekistan hereinafter referred to as "Parties",

Expressing mutual desire to develop cooperation in the field of agricultural science,

Convinced that the cooperation in the field of agricultural science will promote a progress of agriculture, enhancement of soil fertility, productivity of crops and animals,

Aiming to create favorable conditions for the ICARDA activity on increasing of agricultural production, to conserve plant and animal genetic resources, to conserve environment in the Republic of Uzbekistan through attraction of foreign investments into agricultural science, using of expertise of the international centers of science, delivery of modern instruments and equipment, training of scientific staff,

have agreed as follows:

Article 1

Definitions

During applying the provisions of the present Agreement, the following terms shall have the meanings thereunder assigned to them:

a) the term "Officials" means the Director General of ICARDA and his Deputies, Head of Office of ICARDA in Tashkent and his Deputies;

b) the term "experts" means foreign citizens and citizens of the Republic of Uzbekistan defined by ICARDA as technical experts;

b) the term "the administrative and technical staff" means the staff recruited for Office of ICARDA by the contract.

Article 2

For the achievement of a fruitful cooperation the Parties will carry out:

a) the exchange of scientists, specialists and modern technologies;
b) the exchange of germplasm and breeding materials in accordance with laws in force in the Republic of Uzbekistan and with the International Convention on Biodiversity;
c) the exchange of scientific literature, information and methodology;
d) the import and export of items relevant to the joint scientific—research programs.

Article 3

In accordance with specific agreements between Parties and within the limitations of the personnel and budgetary possibilities, the ICARDA will provide:

a) consultations from the ICARDA staff servants and other international scientific—research institutes for showing aid and increasing of the national research efforts’ level of the Republic of Uzbekistan;

b) expatriate of foreign scientists to Uzbekistan for long terms, if it is required by the programs;

c) short—term visits of the scientists;

d) scholarships for training of national scientists and specialists of the different levels of studies and financial support for their participation in symposia, workshops and conferences, related to the topics, presenting mutual interests;

e) seed materials in quantities necessary for experiments and large scale adaptive trials and demonstrations;

f) scientific—research items, literature and equipment.

Article 4

The Government of the Republic of Uzbekistan within the limitations of the personnel and budgetary possibilities, will provide:

a) by the mutual accord — the facilities for office, laboratory and land for research activities;

b) by the mutual accord — scientific and necessary supporting staff for the joint projects;

c) providing of procedures for customs supervision for entry into Uzbekistan of trainees and scholars concerned with the ICARDA program;

d) authorization in accordance with laws in force in the Republic of Uzbekistan for unrestricted export of such germplasm to and out of Uzbekistan for the purposes of implementation of the joint with the ICARDA programs, in accordance with regulations of
the international law and observation of quarantine requirements of
the legislation in force of the Republic of Uzbekistan.

The Government of Republic of Uzbekistan will provide
prompt and speeded up inspection of all material.

Article 5

The Government of the Republic of Uzbekistan agrees to:

a) include the ICARDA on the list of international
organizations whose representatives on their status are equated to
diplomatic representatives accredited in the Republic of Uzbekistan;

b) offer to the Officials of the ICARDA, who are not citizens of
the Republic of Uzbekistan and are not living on its territory
permanently, the privileges as those offered to similar rank
diplomatic agents;

c) the administrative and technical staff shall be granted all
possibilities to normally carry out their functions.

Admittance and legalization of recruitment of the
administrative and technical staff — citizens of the Republic of
Uzbekistan at the Office of ICARDA shall be done in accordance
with the legislation effective in the Republic of Uzbekistan;

d) offer to ICARDA’s experts, who are not citizens of the
Republic of Uzbekistan and are not living on its territory
permanently, privileges as those offered to administrative and
technical staff of diplomatic missions.

The list of the Officials and experts of ICARDA shall be
communicated to the Government of the Republic of Uzbekistan.

Article 6

Without prejudice to the privileges offered to ICARDA’s
Officials and experts persons who enjoy these privileges under this
Agreement should respect laws of the Republic of Uzbekistan and
refrain from interference to its internal affairs.

Article 7

The Government of the Republic of Uzbekistan agrees to:

a) the temporary importation, with the condition of their
return export, into the Republic of Uzbekistan free of custom duties
but with payments for storage, custom clearance of goods outside of
designated areas and out of working time of custom agencies, of
goods and vehicles necessary for the joint programs;
b) at the alienation of goods and vehicles without permission of custom agencies of the Republic of Uzbekistan, imported under the obligation of their return export, the measures, stipulated by the legislation in force of the Republic of Uzbekistan, will be taken.

Article 8

The ICARDA will conduct financial and currency operation in accordance with legislation in force in the Republic of Uzbekistan.

Article 9

The Parties agreed upon that:

a) useful results such as improved breeding materials, technical designs and methods, created by the joint efforts, may be used by both Parties with equal rights;

b) research findings will be published in the public interests and upon to the mutual accord.

Article 10

The Parties agreed to establish a Consultative Council for the working out of specific details of cooperation between two Parties, with the purpose of ensuring of efficient implementation of this Agreement.

Article 11

The Parties agreed to open the ICARDA Regional Office for Central Asia in Tashkent.

Article 12

Changes and additions, cleared by the separate protocols, which are the integral part of this Agreement, can be introduced to this Agreement on the mutual accord of the Parties.

Article 13

This Agreement will enter into force from the date of signing. This Agreement shall remain in force for the period of 5 (five) years, thereafter, it shall automatically be extended for the additional five year period, unless one of the Parties informs the other Party in writing, by the diplomatic channels, on its intention to terminate its
validity, but no less than six months prior to expiry date of the Agreement.

Done at Tashkent on May 8, 1998 in two originals, in the English, Uzbek and Russian languages, all texts being equally authoritative.

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