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MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE INDIAN COUNCIL OF AGRICULTURAL
RESEARCH, NEW DELHI, INDIA AND THE INTERNATIONAL RICE RESEARCH
INSTITUTE, LOS BANOS, THE PHILIPPINES FOR SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL
CO-OPERATION IN RESEARCH ON RICE.

This agreement is made this 15th day of March 1974
between the Indian Council of Agricultural Research,
having its office at Dr. Rajendra Prasad Road, Krishi
Bhavan, New Delhi-1, a Society registered under the
Societies Registration Act, 1860 (hereinafter called
"the Council") of the one part and the International
Rice Research Institute, Los Banos, The Philippines,
an international Organisation for scientific and
technical co-operation in research on rice having
an international Board of Trustees (hereinafter
called the "IRRI") of the other part,

1. WHEREAS rice is the most important and widely grown cereal
crop of India and consequently the development of a dependable
technology for increasing the quantity and quality of rice is of
paramount importance to the country,
2. AND WHEREAS the Indian Council of Agricultural Research
is charged with the responsibility to undertake, aid, promote, and
coordinate Agricultural and Animal Husbandry education, research
and its application in practice; to act as a clearing house of
information, not only in regard to research but also in regard to
Agricultural and Veterinary matters generally; to establish a
research and reference library with reading and writing rooms and
to furnish the same with books, reviews, magazines and newspapers
and other publications; and to do all other things as it may
consider necessary, incidental and conducive to the attainment
of these objectives,

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3. AND WHEREAS the International Rice Research Institute, an international Organisation with its headquarters in Los Banos, The Philippines supported by the Consultative Group on International Agricultural Research has likewise, as its major objectives the conduct of research on the rice plant, all phases of rice production, management, utilisation, publication and dissemination of research findings and recommendations, distribution of improved plant material to other research centres and training of students and scientists in improved rice technology,

4. NOW THEREFORE, the Indian Council of Agricultural Research and the International Rice Research Institute inspired by their common objectives to promote and accelerate the progress of research and training in the scientific cultivation of rice and improvement of production technique and extension thereof have decided to enter into this Agreement and agree as herein contained.

A R T I C L E - I

5. In order to achieve a fruitful measure of cooperation, both the parties have decided generally on :-

- (a) exchange of Scientists and Technologists;
- (b) exchange of germ plasm and breeding material;
- (c) exchange of scientific literature, information and methodology;
- (d) import and export of scientific equipment.

6. In furtherance thereof, the following steps shall be taken by both the parties for the implementation of this decision :-

- i) establishment of mutual relations between the scientific and technical divisions of the Organisations of the respective parties;
- ii) creation of facilities for exchange of Scientists, Technologists and Experts and their proper placement;
- iii) grant of fellowships to Scientists and Students.

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ARTICLE - II

7. IRRI will provide, subject to the personnel and budgetary limitations :-

- (a) consultancies from the IRRI staff or other research Institutes to advise and assist the research effort of the Indian Council of Agricultural Research as may be mutually agreed upon;
- (b) resident expatriate research Specialists if and when required by the Indian Council of Agricultural Research;
- (c) visiting Scientists, as may be mutually agreed upon;
- (d) travel funds to enable Indian Scientists to attend research conferences, symposia etc. at International Rice Research Institute or such other place where an international conference of interest to scientists in the field may be held;
- (e) scholarships for training, post-graduate studies and post-doctoral programmes;
- (f) seed material in quantities necessary for experiments and large scale adaptive trials and demonstrations;
- (g) research equipment, literature and supplies not available in India.

ARTICLE - III

8. The Council will provide, subject to personnel and budgetary limitations :-

- (a) facilities for office, laboratory and land for research activity, as may be mutually agreed upon;
- (b) scientific and necessary supporting staff for the cooperative projects, as may be mutually agreed upon;
- (c) supplies and equipment available in India, as may be mutually agreed upon.

ARTICLE - IV

9. (a) Benefits such as improved breeding material, machinery, designs and techniques, accruing or arising from this cooperative effort may be used by either or both parties, with due recognition of each party's contribution;

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- (b) research findings will be published in the public interest, if mutually agreed upon;
- (c) the publications may be joint or separate as may be determined in each case. In case of failure to agree on the method of publication, except annual reports, the party desirous of publishing the findings separately may do so after having submitted the proposed manuscript to the other party and a period of not less than three months have lapsed from the date of receipt of the said manuscript by the other party and having considered any comments and suggestions offered by the other party;
- (d) either party publishing any research finding will give credit to the other party's contribution but shall at the same time, be entirely responsible for the conclusions and interpretations reported;
- (e) exchange of breeding materials, germ plasm, etc., will be freely made between International Rice Research Institute and Indian Council of Agricultural Research, with due recognition giving the source of the said material. This will be subject to due observance of quarantine regulations in India and The Philippines. Either party may use such materials freely in its own or cooperative programme but will give full credit to its source of origin.

ARTICLE - V

10. In order to facilitate the implementation of the cooperative undertakings envisaged in this Agreement, the Council will :-

- (a) arrange for payment of duties and for obtaining customs clearance on agreed items of equipment, instruments and supplies imported by International Rice Research Institute in consultation with the Indian Council of Agricultural Research in support of the cooperative programme in India;
- (b) extend invitations without any financial liability to Indian Council of Agricultural Research, to participate in workshops subject to clearance of the individuals concerned by the Government of India;
- (c) assist in arranging the necessary clearances for Indian scientists to participate in conferences and workshops and other related programme activities arranged by IRRI;
- (d) in the case of expatriate staff members assigned to India under this Agreement, ensure that they will not be subject to payment of Indian Income-tax.

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ARTICLE - VI

11. The Council and IRRI may name any Member of its staff to work out the practical details of cooperation between the two Organisations and in general to ensure the proper and effective implementation of this Agreement.

ARTICLE - VII

12. This Memorandum of Agreement may be supplemented by workplans to be developed jointly, which describe more specifically the activities to be carried out under this cooperative programme and which set forth the envisaged contributions of each party. These workplans may originate with either party but will require the full approval of both parties for implementation. It is further agreed that IRRI may locate a person in India or name an Agency in India as may be mutually agreed upon to support the effective implementation of this Agreement by IRRI.

ARTICLE - VIII

13. The parties to this Agreement, may, by mutual consent, add, modify, amend or delete any words, phrases, sentences or articles in this Agreement.

ARTICLE - IX

14. The Agreement shall be effective until either party serves notice on the other of its intention to terminate it, in which event, the Agreement shall stand terminated at the end of one calendar month from the date of issue of such notice.

In witness whereof, the parties hereunto have signed this 15th day of March 1974, at New Delhi.

For the Indian Council of
Agricultural Research:

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For the International Rice
Research Institute:

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