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This Memorandum of Understanding is entered and executed by and between the DEMOCRATIC SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF SRI LANKA (hereinafter called the GOVERNMENT) through its DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE (hereinafter called the DEPARTMENT) located in Peradeniya, Sri Lanka, and represented by its Director, Dr. S.P.R. Weerasinghe,

and

the INTERNATIONAL RICE RESEARCH INSTITUTE (hereinafter called IRRI) located in Los Baños, Laguna, Philippines represented by its Director General, Dr. K.J. Lampe.

WHEREAS, the Government is interested in increasing and sustaining production of rice and other food grains in rice-based cropping systems;

WHEREAS, IRRI, a nonprofit international organization supported by the Consultative Group of International Agricultural Research composed of numerous

national governments; international organizations and private foundations, has as its primary goal increasing the quantity and quality of rice produced through research and training on all phases of rice including rice-based farming systems and through scientific and technical cooperation with national programs;

WHEREAS, IRRI collaborates with national governments to help develop and upgrade research competence;

WHEREAS, the Government and IRRI have already collaborated in areas of mutual interest under the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) entered into by both parties on 2 October 1986 and effective until 1 October 1993, and found such collaboration to be mutually beneficial.

WHEREAS, the Department and IRRI wish to continue and further strengthen the output of their collaboration in rice research and training;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Government and IRRI, inspired by their common objective to promote, accelerate, and sustain research and training on rice and rice-based farming systems, have decided to renew the MOU for another six (6) years to sustain the gains of mutual collaboration and thereby enter into an agreement as set forth in the following:

I. AREAS OF COLLABORATION

It is mutually agreed that collaboration will focus on:

- a. Problems related to the yield decline including yellowing of rice;
- b. Breeding of rice plant types for direct seeding;

- c. Geographic information systems (GIS) and systems analysis and simulation for rice production (SARP);
- d. Development, evaluation, and adaptation of small scale agricultural machineries.

In addition to above, the Department will continue to participate in:

- a. INGER and other network activities;
- b. Germplasm conservation and exchange of breeding materials;
- c. Training; and
- d. Information sharing and co-publications.

Whenever deemed appropriate, the Government and IRRI will prepare joint project proposals for submission to donor agencies for funding. The terms of donor funding support should be mutually agreed upon among the Government, IRRI, and the donor agencies.

The Government may develop bilateral agreements with donors. IRRI will participate in developing financial arrangements for implementing those collaborative activities under this Agreement involving IRRI. The financial assistance from donors may be in both Sri Lankan rupees and foreign currency. The local currency will be managed directly by the Government for which the Government will maintain a separate account. The foreign currency of the assistance directly involving IRRI operations will be placed with IRRI to facilitate services and expenditures as mutually agreed upon.

The donors will make payments to IRRI according to schedules of payment agreed upon with the Department, IRRI and the donor.

The Government and IRRI will cooperate in using their best efforts to ensure full and cost-effective utilization of funds received from donors for the activities mutually agreed upon.

II. RESPONSIBILITIES OF EACH PARTY

GOVERNMENT

The Government hereby agrees to do the following:

1. Facilitate, subject to its national laws, the granting of clearances for Sri Lankan scientists to participate in conferences, workshops, training programs and collaborative work at IRRI, Philippines and elsewhere, as mutually agreed upon;
2. Authorize free movement of germplasm in and out of Sri Lanka as may be required for collaborative work subject to normal quarantine procedures; and
3. Provide facilities such as office and laboratory space, land, locally available supplies and equipment and necessary supporting staff for cooperative research as mutually agreed upon.

IRRI

IRRI will undertake the following subject to the availability of funds:

1. Invite Sri Lankan scientists to attend international research conferences and symposia and to join in monitoring international rice experiments organized by IRRI;
2. Arrange for Sri Lankan scientists to receive degree and nondegree training, and short-term training at IRRI and elsewhere, subject to standard selection guidelines and criteria of IRRI and the respective universities from where degree training will be obtained;
3. Make available seed materials and research information to support cooperative activities in Sri Lanka.

Both parties agree to the following:

1. Results of cooperative research will be published in the public interest as mutually agreed upon.
2. Although in most cases the results of cooperative work will be published jointly by scientists working for both parties, each party may publish the results separately if so determined by mutual consultation in specific areas. The party publishing any research finding will give credit to the other party's contribution, and would at the same be entirely responsible for the conclusions and interpretations reported.

3. Breeding materials, germplasm, etc. will be freely exchanged between the Government and IRRI with due recognition for the sources of seed material. Either party may use such materials but will give full credit to its source of origin.

III. IMPLEMENTATION AND MANAGEMENT

- A. **Development of collaborative work plan:** This Memorandum of Understanding will be supplemented through detailed project proposals and annual work plans to be developed jointly by the Department and IRRI, in accordance with the financial resources available for cooperative activities. The work plans will more specifically describe the activities to be carried out under this Agreement and set forth the envisaged contributions of each party.

The scale of collaborative research and training activities between the Government and IRRI will be determined by a joint evaluation, from time to time, of Sri Lanka's needs and IRRI's capacity for undertaking collaborative activities, and by the level of financial resources available for this purpose.

- B. **Coordinating office:** The Department and IRRI will designate coordinating offices from each side for better coordination and management of collaborative activities. All communication related to the Government-IRRI collaboration will be coursed through these offices.

- C. **Monitoring of collaboration:** Given the large number of institutions with whom Government and IRRI collaborate, it is important to rationalize the monitoring mechanisms for the collaborative activities. Government and IRRI agreed to review the activities approximately 2 years after the signing of the agreement on a date mutually convenient to both parties. Regular consultations between Government and IRRI scientists will be strongly encouraged.

IV. PERIOD OF AGREEMENT

This Memorandum of Understanding shall take effect on the date both parties affix their signatures, and shall be valid for a period of six (6) years (1993-1998), unless sooner terminated when one of the parties notifies the other in writing of its intention to terminate the agreement, in which case, the agreement will terminate six months from the date of such notification. This agreement may be further renewed or extended upon mutual agreement between the parties which shall be made not later than six months prior to the termination date.

V. OTHER MATTERS

The parties to this Memorandum of Understanding may, by mutual consent, add, modify, amend or delete any words, phrases, sentences, or articles in this Memorandum of Understanding. Other matters not covered by this agreement shall be mutually agreed upon by both parties before they are implemented.

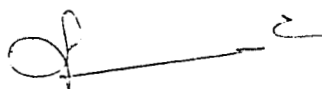
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereunto have affixed their signatures on the dates indicated.

For the GOVERNMENT OF SRI LANKA

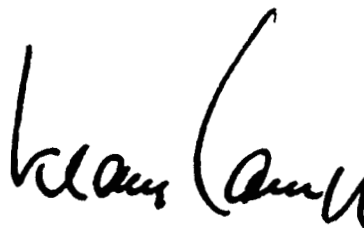
For the INTERNATIONAL RICE
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by:

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S.P.R. WEERASINGHE
Director of Agriculture



K.J. LAMPE
Director General

Date 12 July 1993

Date 29 June 1993