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**U. S. AID MISSION TO DOMINICAN REPUBLIC**

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SANTO DOMINGO, DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

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Ciudad

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FOR U. S. CORRESPONDENTS:  
U. S. AID MISSION  
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Dear Monseñor Núñez Collado:

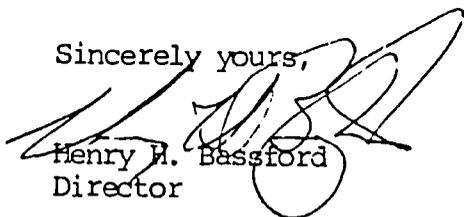
Pursuant to the authority of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, as amended, the Agency for International Development (hereinafter referred to as "AID" or "Grantor") hereby grants to the Universidad Católica Madre y Maestra (hereinafter referred to as UCMM or "Grantee") the sum of Ten Thousand United States Dollars (US\$10,000.00) for the purpose of organizing and conducting a Follow-up Seminar for newly elected Legislators in the Dominican Republic. The Project is more fully described in the Schedule of this Grant and in Attachment 2 entitled "Project Description."

This Grant is effective and obligation is made as of the date of this letter, and shall apply to commitments made under this Grant in furtherance of the program objectives during the period beginning with the effective date and ending December 30, 1987.

This Grant is made to the Grantee on the condition that the funds will be administered in accordance with the terms and conditions as set forth in Attachment 1, the Schedule; Attachment 2, entitled "Project Description"; and Attachment 3, entitled "Mandatory Standard Provisions for Non-U.S., Non-governmental Grantees" which have been agreed to by your organization.

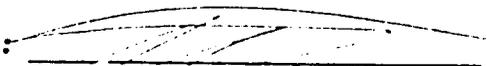
Please sign both originals of this letter and maintain one copy for your files. This will acknowledge your receipt of and agreement with the conditions of the Grant.

Sincerely yours,



Henry H. Bassford  
Director

- Attachments: 1. Schedule  
2. Project Description  
3. Standard Provisions

ACCEPTED BY:   
Mons. Agripino Núñez Collado

TITLE: Rector, Universidad  
Católica Madre y Maestra

DATE: 19 de junio de 1987

PROJECT No. 517-0000

ATTACHMENT I

SCHEDULE

A. Purpose of Grant

The purpose of this Grant is to finance a Follow-up Training Seminar for newly elected Legislators in the Dominican Republic in order to improve their technical preparation in terms of procedures and the institutional mechanism of Congressional operations, as specifically described in Attachment 2 to this Grant entitled, "Project Description."

B. Period of the Grant

The effective date of this grant is June 5, 1987. The Project Assistance Completion Date (PACD) of this grant is December 30, 1987.

C. Amount of Grant and Payment

1. U.S.A.I.D. hereby obligates the amount of Ten Thousand United States Dollars (US\$10,000.00) for the purposes of this Grant.

2. The Grantee shall request payment by submitting an original and 3 copies of SF 1034 and a Fiscal Report using the same format as in the Budget, showing how expenses were incurred with the following certification:

"The undersigned hereby certifies that the payment of the sum claimed is proper and that appropriate refund to AID will be made promptly upon request in the event of disallowance of costs not reimbursable under the terms of the agreement".

D. Project Responsibilities

1. Project Implementation:

Project implementation will consist of a two-day Seminar at UCOMM (Santo Domingo) as it is described in Attachment 2, entitled "Project Description," under Title III, Project Preparation and Implementation.

Within 10 days of the signing of this Agreement, UCOMM will nominate a person to act as Project liaison with USAID/DR. UCOMM will pay the salary for this individual. As AID is covering all the training costs, the Project counterpart costs will be as described herein under the Illustrative Budget.

2. Reporting and Evaluation:

The Grantee will assume the responsibility of sending to USAID a Final Report of the Seminar. A copy of the report will be sent to the

USAID/Human Resources Division in Santo Domingo not later than 30 days after the completion of the Seminar. Additional monitoring, follow-up, and evaluation functions will be conducted by the Grantee over a 6 month period, and a follow-up evaluation report will be submitted to USAID not later than November 15, 1987.

E. Illustrative Budget (RD\$)

	AID		<u>UCMM Counterpart</u>
	<u>FX</u>	<u>IC</u>	
1. Logistics*			
a) Lodging and per diem for USA Congressmen & Staff			RD\$9,500
b) Inaugural Buffet RD\$29/person (200)		5,800	
c) Closing Lunch RD\$45/person (200)		9,000	
d) Receptions & Misc. Other Costs			<u>8,000</u>
e) Lunch with special guest speaker RD\$45/person (200)		9,000	
Sub-Total		<u>23,800</u>	17,500
2. a) Books		1,000	
b) Pamphlets		1,000	
c) Photocopies		1,000	
d) Support Material		2,000	
Sub-Total		<u>5,000</u>	
3. Personnel			
a) Translation & Equipment			RD\$2,000
(8) Seminar Guides RD\$60 (3)			1,440
(1) Seminar Coordinator RD\$2,000/month			2,000
(2) Secretaries RD\$600/month (2 ea)			<u>2,400</u>
Sub-Total			<u>\$7,840</u>
4. UCMM Campus Use (in kind, during Seminar)			\$1,500
a) Recording equipment			500
b) Secretary			500
Sub-Total			<u>\$2,500</u>
5. Contingencies		\$3,200	
Sub-Total		<u>\$3,200</u>	
6. Evaluation			5,000
Sub-Total			<u>5,000</u>
PROJECT TOTAL	US\$10,000=	RD\$32,000	RD\$32,840

(\*) In order to be reimbursed for the buffet and lunch, UCMM will furnish AID with the receipt for each event.

## ATTACHMENT 2

### SEMINAR FOR NEW LEGISLATORS

#### Project Description

##### I. Goal and Purpose:

In July 1982 and 1986, the UCMM, with USAID financial assistance, organized Training Seminars for newly elected legislators. The purpose of the seminars was to improve the technical preparation of the legislators and to motivate them to fulfill the demands of their new positions. These seminars were favorably received; and as a result, UCMM has taken the initiative to organize a follow-up seminar for legislators elected in 1986. The purpose of this seminar is to strengthen the educational awareness of the newly elected Congressmen as to their role and responsibilities in the democratic process in the Dominican Republic.

Although the Dominican Republic has, for the past sixty years, had an elected legislature, its role has been a limited one in relation to a strong executive. The past constitutional governments have witnessed an increasingly active role for legislative activities. It is commonly recognized that the increase in responsibilities, at times, has not been supported by an understanding of, nor an appreciation for, administrative and legislative procedures.

The Dominican Congress is composed of two bodies, the Senate with 30 members and the Chamber of Deputies, with 120 members. New Congressmen were elected on May 16, 1986, and preliminary results indicate that more than 80% have had no previous legislative experience. The role and development of a strong legislature continues to be of major importance in the institutionalization of the democratic process. In order to strengthen this process, UCMM has proposed this follow-up seminar to train the newly elected Congressmen in their responsibilities and role as the representatives of the Dominican people.

The specific purpose of this seminar, therefore, is to enhance the soundness of public decision-making by informing the new Congressmen of the organization of the Legislature in terms of the structure, procedures and institutional mechanisms of congressional operations. Legislators will have an opportunity to exchange points of view concerning congressional affairs and to develop professional relationships among themselves. The seminar will be organized over a two-day period and will take place in Santo Domingo.

##### II. Seminar Objectives:

The purposes of the seminar are:

1. To train the newly elected legislators in the special procedures of the National Congress.

2. To train the newly elected legislators in the theoretical and practical aspects of Congressional operations, especially those involving committee functions.
3. To discuss and analyze common problems with U.S. Congressmen.
4. To promote professional relationships between legislators.

In order to accomplish the objectives of the Seminar, the following topics will be discussed: history of both Congresses (USA and DR), analysis of common problems, role of advisers, use of data banks, operation of committees, and function of the national budget.

### III. Project Preparation and Implementation:

The project will consist of three phases:

#### PHASE I - Project Development

During Phase I, a training plan will be developed, as well as a general course outline with emphasis on the national budget, role of advisers, data bank, and function of the Committees. These activities will end June 17, 1987.

#### PHASE II - Materials and Resource Preparation

Phase II will include the preparation, duplication, and packaging of training materials for participants. Activities proposed under Phase II will be completed by July 3, 1987.

#### PHASE III - Seminar Implementation

The Seminar will consist of an intensive two-day seminar at UQMM (Santo Domingo), in which the various aspects of the legislative process will be presented to the newly elected lawmakers. The program will be presented by specialists, national and foreign, in political science, sociology, economics and law.

The following general seminar schedule will be arranged:

#### Wednesday July 29

Evening	Inauguration Ceremony Reception
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Thursday July 30, (First Day)

Morning	History of Both Congresses (USA and DR) Analysis of Common Problems Role of Advisers Use of Data Banks
	Lunch (with special guest speaker)
Afternoon	Function of the Committees

Friday July 31, (Second Day)

Morning	Function of the National Budget Economic Authorities (Budget) Lunch
Afternoon	Final Discussion Closing Ceremony

IV. Reporting

UCMM will distribute an evaluation form to be completed by all participants upon completion of the Seminar. Based on this, UCMM will prepare a final report to be submitted to AID that summarizes the conclusions of the Seminar, as well as the names of the professors and participants.