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MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
REGARDING THE
AMBASSADOR'S SPECIAL SELF-HELP FUND
(698-9901)
Between
THE AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT
of
THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
and
THE REPUBLIC OF KENYA

The U.S. Government, acting through the U.S. Agency for International Development ("USAID") and the Government of the Republic of Kenya, acting through the Ministry of Finance (the "Parties") have entered into the following understanding:

I. The Ambassador's Special Self-Help Fund

The purpose of the Ambassador's Special Self-help Fund project (the "ASSHF Project") is to support community development efforts undertaken by local groups. The ASSHF project provides small grants on items of equipment to registered self-help groups and educational institutions to boost their welfare and expand vocational training respectively. The primary objective is to help people help themselves. Every funded activity requires a strong element of community involvement and should lead to an on-going, self-supporting, income-generating or vocational training activity.

Activities to be funded will improve economic or social conditions at the grassroots level. Activities will be initiated by local communities, which will generally provide labor or materials. Peace Corps Volunteers will often play a role in identifying projects.

It is agreed that:

The ASSHF project will be used to donate items/equipment to community projects that generate employment, introduce appropriate technology or improve the welfare of the recipients promote energy and land conservation, and benefit many people. Projects must be completed in one year and should generate enough

income to allow the participants to be self-reliant or to establish other projects with no further assistance.

II. Implementation Methods and Responsibilities of Parties:

- A. USAID/Kenya will keep the Government of Kenya informed of activities funded under the ASSHF project and, consistent with the Government of Kenya's District Development Policy, it will be the responsibility of each selected community project or institution to obtain the approval of the appropriate District Committee before any USAID-funded project activity is implemented.
- B. Primary responsibility for implementing the individual activities will rest with the assisted organization itself. Each will be expected to comply with the terms of the grant agreements signed between USAID/Kenya and itself, as well as all the applicable laws of the Government of Kenya.
- C. The Government of Kenya agrees to exempt the import and purchase on case to cases bases, of any equipment or items donated by USAID/Kenya under the ASSHF project from any taxes, duties or fees or whatever nature charged in Kenya.
- D. The project or institution must be registered by the relevant district based government relevant office for a reasonable period acceptable to USAID (the approved to be attached).

III. Interpretation and Modification

This Memorandum of Understanding in English constitutes the Agreement of the parties hereto with respect to the Ambassador's Special Self-Help Fund. This Memorandum of Understanding may be amended in writing by mutual agreement of the parties.

FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF KENYA

BY: Albert Kwech

TITLE: Director

DATE: 9/10/97

FOR THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

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DATE: 14/10/97

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