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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20523

ACTION MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR, ANE/PD

FROM: ANE/PD/ME: Joan Silver

SUBJECT: Cooperative Marine Technology, Program for the Middle East, Phase II (398-0158.08) Extension of the current Project Assistance Completion Date (PACD)

Purpose: To approve the retroactive, no-cost extension of the PACD for the Cooperative Marine Technology Project, Phase II for twelve months from its current PACD of September 30, 1987 to September 30, 1988.

Problem: The extension is required because of unforeseen implementation delays in the project. The proposed extension was reviewed and approved by the project committee in June 1987. Unfortunately, the follow-up action to extend the PACD was not taken due to changes in backstop personnel and the uncertainty about the authorization and funding for related Cooperative Marine Technology activities.

Because the Grantee has been carrying out project tasks funded by A.I.D. monies after the current PACD expired, a retroactive extension of the PACD is necessary.

Discussion: The project is part of the Middle East Regional Cooperation Program, under which Israeli, Egyptian and American scientists cooperate on research and studies related to problems of the area. Project activities consist of research on shoreline processes and fisheries production in the Eastern Mediterranean, and on the production of fast growing, all male, hybrid Tilapia for fresh water fisheries. The project is being carried out by the Israeli Institute for Oceanographic and Limnological Research and the Egyptian Academy of Scientific Research and Technology, through a cooperative agreement with New Jersey Marine Sciences.

The project was authorized by AA/ANE on September 19, 1983, in an amount not to exceed \$2,695,000 for a 3 year life of project from the date of initial obligation, which was September 30, 1983. Because of implementation delays, AA/ANE subsequently extended the life of project for one additional year, to September 30, 1987. There were further delays, however, because of difficulties in predicting the initial biological cycles for the Tilapia and because of administrative difficulties encountered in transferring parent stock from Israel to Egypt.

Although the proposed second extension was reviewed and approved by the project committee in June, 1987, no follow-up action was taken. New Jersey Marine Sciences, The Grantee, has again requested an extension.

The Grantee will be purchasing inputs after the original PACD, i.e. materials and services, in order to complete the project tasks. A PACD extension is needed in order for A.I.D. to accept vouchers for these goods and services. This extension will enable the Grantee to complete the work funded by A.I.D., and thus meet the project objectives. The project committee is confident that the project will be completed by September 30, 1988 and no further extensions will be requested.

Authority: Under Delegation of Authority No. 652 Section 2 dated September 1, 1986, you are authorized to approve extension of Project Assistance Completion Dates for a cumulative period not to exceed two years each, provided that such extensions not extend the life of the project to more than ten years.

Recommendation: That you approve the extension of the PACD for twelve months from September 29, 1987 to September 30, 1988.

Approved: Ronald Wanger

Disapproved: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: 4/19/88

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