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PROJECT AUTHORIZATION

Name of Country: Near East Regional

Name of Project: Arid Lands Agriculture Research Project

Number of Project: 298-0170

1. Pursuant to Section 531 of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 as amended, and Section 523(b)(2) of the International Security and Development Cooperation Act of 1981, I hereby authorize the Arid Lands Agriculture Research Project for the Middle East involving planned obligations of E.S.F. funds not to exceed \$5,000,000 over a five year period from the date of this authorization subject to availability of funds in accordance with the A.I.D. OYB/allotment process to assist in financing the foreign exchange and local currency costs of the project.

2. This regional cooperation project will result in the conduct of new research and accelerate ongoing agriculture research on Arid Land problems common to Egypt and Israel consists of three subprojects:

- a. Use of Saline Waters For Production of Crops in Arid Lands;
- b. Fodder Production and Utilization by Small Ruminants in Arid Regions;
- c. Arid Land Species as a Source of Industrial Raw Materials.

Additional project activities will consist of workshops and seminars related to organizations of the above type research and dissemination of research results, plant materials and seeds.

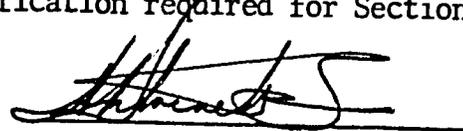
3. The Project shall be implemented by means of a Cooperative Agreement to be negotiated by A.I.D. with the San Diego State University Foundation.

4. All goods and services financed by A.I.D. under the Project shall have their source and origin in the United States, Egypt and Israel except as A.I.D. may otherwise agree in writing. Ocean shipping financed by A.I.D. under the Project shall, except as A.I.D. may otherwise agree in writing, be financed only on U.S. flag vessels.

5. The SDSUF has requested that A.I.D. authorize local cost financing for the procurement of certain commodities and services in Israel and Egypt. The total amount of Project procurement to be carried out under A.I.D. local cost financing procedures will be the local currency equivalent of \$2,585,000 with approximately \$1,292,500 of the commodities and services to be procured in each country.

6. Section 612(b) Determination

The expenditure of United States dollars for the procurement of goods and services in Egypt is required to fulfill the purposes of the project, the purposes of the project cannot be met effectively through the expenditure of U.S.-owned local currencies for such procurement and the administrative officials approving local cost vouchers may use this determination as the basis for certification required for Section 612(b).



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