

BELIZE

Economic and Technical Cooperation

The Government of the United States of America and the Government of Belize, desiring to conclude an agreement relating to economic and technical cooperation between both countries have agreed as follows:

ARTICLE I

To assist the Government of Belize in its national development and in its efforts to achieve economic and social progress through its own resources and other measures of self-help, the Government of the United States of America is furnishing such economic, technical and related assistance hereunder as may be requested by representatives of appropriate agencies of the Government of Belize and approved by representatives of the Agency designated by the Government of the United States of America to administer its responsibilities hereunder, or as may be requested and approved by other representatives designated by the Government of the United States of America and the Government of Belize. Such assistance shall be made available in accordance with written arrangements agreed upon between the above mentioned Representatives.

ARTICLE II

To promote the economic and social progress of Belize, the Government of Belize will contribute fully within the limits of its resources and general economic condition to its development program and to programs and operations related thereto, including those conducted pursuant to this Agreement and will give full information to the people of Belize concerning programs and operations hereunder. The Government of Belize will take appropriate steps to insure the effective use of assistance furnished pursuant to this Agreement and will afford every opportunity and facility to representatives of the Government of the United States of America to observe and review programs and operations conducted under this Agreement and will furnish whatever information they may need to determine the nature and scope of operation planned or carried out and to evaluate results.

ARTICLE III

The Government of Belize will receive a special Mission, currently named USAID, and its personnel to discharge the responsibilities of the Government of the United States of America hereunder and will consider this Mission and its personnel as part of the Diplomatic Mission of the Government of the United States of America in Belize for the purpose of receiving the privileges and immunities accorded to that mission and its personnel of comparable rank. The Special Mission shall enjoy the same inviolability of premises as is extended to the Diplomatic Mission of the Government of the United States of America.

ARTICLE IV

In order to assure the maximum benefits to the people of Belize from the assistance to be furnished hereunder:

(a) property or funds used or to be used, in connection with this Agreement, by the Government of the United States of America, or by any contractor financed by that Government shall be exempt from any taxes on ownership or use and any other taxes, investment or deposit requirements, and currency controls in Belize, and the import, export, acquisition, use or disposition of any such property or funds in connection with this Agreement shall be exempt from any tariffs, custom duties, import and export taxes on purchases or disposition and any other taxes or similar charges in Belize. However, upon completion of the work to be performed by any contractor financed by the United States Government with any materials and equipment imported into Belize, such contractor shall be liable to pay the existing rates of duties on all materials, equipment or other property not utilized, unless such materials and equipment are re-exported;

(b) all persons, except citizens or permanent residents of Belize, who are present therein to perform work pursuant to this Agreement, shall be exempt from income and social security taxes levied under the laws of Belize and from taxes on the purchase, ownership, use or disposition of personal movable property (including automobiles) intended for their own use, except if an automobile is sold or transferred to a person not entitled to duty-free privileges, the duty and other taxes shall be paid on it in accordance with the law or regulations in force in Belize. Such persons and members of their families shall receive the same treatment with respect to the payment of customs, import, export and all other duties and fees on personal movable property (including automobiles) imported into Belize for their own use, as is accorded by the Government of Belize to diplomatic personnel of the United States Embassy in Belize, except that with respect to persons engaged under a contract financed by the Government of the United States, the personal or household effects of such persons shall only be exempt from import duties and taxes at the time of a person's first arrival in Belize and for a period of six months thereafter, and that not more than one automobile may be imported into Belize every five years without the written permission of the Government of Belize.

ARTICLE V

Funds used for purposes of furnishing assistance hereunder shall be convertible into currency of Belize at the rate providing the largest number of units of such currency for the United States dollar which, at the time conversion is made, is not unlawful in Belize.

ARTICLE VI

USAID - Belize Framework Bilateral Agreement

This Agreement shall enter into force on the date on which it is signed by the two Governments and shall remain in force until six months after the date of the communication by which either Government gives written notification to the other of its intention to terminate it. In such event, the provisions of this Agreement shall remain in full force and effect with respect to assistance furnished pursuant to this Agreement before such termination.

All or any part of the program of assistance provided hereunder, except as may otherwise be provided in arrangements agreed upon pursuant to Article I hereof, may be terminated by either Government if that Government determines that because of changed conditions the continuation of such assistance is unnecessary or undesirable. The termination of such assistance under this provision may include the termination of deliveries of any commodities hereunder not yet delivered.

The furnishing of assistance under this Agreement shall be subject to the applicable laws and regulations of the Government of the United States of America.

The two Governments or their designated representatives shall, upon request of either of them, consult regarding any matter on the application, operation or amendment of this Agreement.

Done in duplicate at Belmopan this 8 day of March 1983.

GOVERNMENT OF BELIZE

By: /s/ George C. Price

Title: Prime Minister

By: /s/ Edmund A. Marshalleck

Title: Ambassador to the United States of America

GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

By: /s/ Malcolm R. Barnebey

Title: Ambassador Designate By: /s/ Neboysha R. Brshich

Title: A.I.D. Representative

Agreement signed at Belmopan March 8, 1983;

Entered into force March 8, 1983.

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