

**ECONOMIC BILATERAL AGREEMENT**  
**BETWEEN**  
**THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF ALBANIA**  
**AND**  
**THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**

Agreement between the Government of the Republic of Albania and the Government of the United States of America concerning economic, technical and related assistance.

This agreement sets forth a framework concerning economic, technical and related assistance which, based on a request by the Government of the Republic of Albania, may be provided by the Government of the United States of America, subject to the applicable laws and regulations of the United States of America. The Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Republic of Albania hereby agree that:

1. The diplomatic mission of the United States of America to Albania shall carry out and discharge the responsibilities of the Government of the United States of America under this agreement, and a section of that diplomatic mission may be established for this purpose.

2. The Government of the Republic of Albania shall:

(a) make such contribution as may be appropriate and as agreed to by both governments, permitted by its personnel, resources, facilities, and general economic condition in furtherance of the purposes for which assistance may be provided;

(b) take appropriate steps to ensure the effective use of such assistance;

(c) provide the Government of the United States of America with full and complete information concerning the implementation of assistance provided by the Government of the United States of America as well as other relevant information which representatives of the Government of the United States of America may need in order to assess the nature, scope and effectiveness of such assistance programs, projects and operations; and

(d) upon reasonable notice, permit observation and review by representatives of the Government of the United States of America of any assistance programs, projects and operations, and records pertaining thereto.

3. In order to assure the maximum benefits to the people of the Republic of Albania from the assistance to be furnished hereunder and except as may be agreed by the two governments:

(a) Any supplies, materials, equipment, or funds introduced into or acquired in the Republic of Albania by the Government of the United States of America, or any person or entity financed by that government, for purposes of any assistance programs or projects conducted hereunder shall, while such supplies, materials, equipment, or funds are used in connection with such a program or project, be exempt from any taxes on ownership or use of property and any other taxes, investment or deposit requirements,

and currency controls in the Republic of Albania. The import, export, purchase, use or disposition of any such supplies, materials, equipment or funds in connection with such a program or project shall be exempt from any tariffs, customs duties, import and export taxes, taxes on purchase or disposition of property, and other taxes or similar charges in the Republic of Albania;

(b) No tax (whether in the nature of an income, profits, business, or other tax), duty, or fee of whatever nature shall be imposed upon any public or private organization that is under contract with or financed by the Government of the United States of America or any agency thereof, and is present in the Republic of Albania to perform work in connection with assistance programs or projects conducted hereunder with respect to income derived under such programs or projects;

(c) All personnel (and their families), except nationals or permanent residents of the Republic of Albania, who are (1) under contract with, or are employees of public or private organizations under contract with, the Government of the Republic of Albania or any agency thereof, or (2) under contract with (including under contract for personal services) or financed by, or are employees of public or private organizations under contract with or financed by, the Government of the United States of America or any agency thereof, and who are present in the Republic of Albania to perform work in connection with this agreement, shall be exempt from income and social security taxes levied under the laws of the Republic of Albania with respect to income derived from assistance programs or projects under this agreement, and from taxes on the purchase, ownership, use, or disposition of personal movable property intended for their own use. Such personnel (and their families), for a period of six months from the date of their arrival in the Republic of Albania, shall be exempt from customs and import duties on all personal effects, vehicles, equipment, and supplies imported into the Republic of Albania for their own use, and from all other duties and fees with respect to such personal effects. Such personnel shall also be exempt from export duties on such personal effects;

(d) Individuals, public or private organizations, and employees of public or private organizations, under contract with or financed by the Government of the United States of America, who are present in the Republic of Albania to perform work in connection with this agreement, shall be immune from all civil liability directly related to the performance of such work;

(e) Employees of the Government of the United States of America (and their families), except nationals or permanent residents of the Republic of Albania, who are present in the Republic of Albania to perform work in connection with this agreement and who are not members of the diplomatic mission, shall be exempt from income and social security taxes levied under the laws of the Republic of Albania and from taxes on the purchase, ownership, use or disposition of personal movable property intended for their own use. Such personnel (and their families) shall be exempt from customs, import, and export duties on all personal effects, equipment and supplies (including food, beverages and tobacco), imported into the Republic of Albania for their own use, and from all other duties and fees with respect to such personal effects. Such personnel (and their families) shall be immune from criminal and civil liability to the same extent as comparable

personnel of that section of the diplomatic mission referred to in paragraph 1 of this agreement;

(f) Nothing in this agreement is intended to affect privileges and immunities provided under the Vienna Convention on diplomatic relations.

4. Funds brought into the Republic of Albania for purposes of providing assistance in connection with this agreement shall be convertible into the currency of the Republic of Albania at the rate providing the largest number of units of such currency per United States dollar which, at the time the conversion is made, is not unlawful in the Republic of Albania.

5. This agreement shall enter into force upon signature. This agreement may be amended or revised by written consent of the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Republic of Albania.

6. This agreement may be terminated by either party upon thirty days written notification of its intention to terminate the agreement. Notwithstanding any such termination, this agreement shall be applicable to assistance furnished before the termination.

In witness whereof, the undersigned, being duly authorized by their respective governments, have signed this agreement.

Done at Tirana, in duplicate, in the English and Albanian languages, both texts being equally authentic, on the 10th day of June, 1992.

For the Government of the  
United States of America

/s/ William E. Reyerson  
Ambassador

For the Government of the  
Republic of Albania

/s/ Artan Hoxha  
Minister of Foreign Economic Relations