

**AGREEMENT BETWEEN
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND
THE GOVERNMENT OF TAJIKISTAN
REGARDING COOPERATION TO FACILITATE
THE PROVISION OF ASSISTANCE**

The Government of the United States of America and the Government of Tajikistan:

Recognizing the interests of the Government of the United States of America and the Government of Tajikistan in cooperating to facilitate provision of humanitarian and technical economic assistance to benefit the people of Tajikistan; and Recognizing the need to make certain practical arrangements to help ensure the effectiveness of that assistance;

Have agreed as follows:

ARTICLE I

TAXES AND OTHER CHARGES

(a) Commodities, supplies or other property provided or utilized in connection with United States assistance programs may be imported into, exported from, or used in Tajikistan free from any tariffs, dues, customs duties, import taxes, and other similar taxes or charges imposed by Tajikistan, or any subdivision thereof.

(b) Any United States Government or United States private organization that has responsibility for implementing United States assistance programs, and any personnel of such private organization who are not nationals of or ordinarily resident in Tajikistan and that are present in Tajikistan in connection with such programs, shall be exempt from (1) any income, social security or other taxes connection with the implementation of United States assistance programs, and (2) the payment of any tariffs, dues, customs duties, import taxes, and other similar taxes or charges upon personal or household goods imported into, exported from, or used in Tajikistan for the personal use of such personnel or members of their families.

(c) The access and movement of aircraft and vessels operated by or for the Government of the United States of America in connection with United States assistance programs in Tajikistan shall be free of landing fees, navigation charges, port charges, tolls and similar charges by Tajikistan, or any subdivision thereof.

ARTICLE II

STATUS OF PERSONNEL

Personnel of the United States Government present in Tajikistan in connection with United States assistance programs shall be accorded s status equivalent to that accorded administrative and technical staff personnel under the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations of April 18, 1961. Nothing in this agreement shall be construed to derogate from the privileges and immunities granted to any personnel under othe agreements.

ARTICLE III
INSPECTION AND AUDIT

Upon reasonable recontest, representatives of the Government of the United States of America may examine the utilization of any commodities, supplies, other property, or services provided under United States assistance programs at sites of their location or use; and may inspect or audit any records or other documentation in connection during the period in which the United States provides assistance to Tajikistan and for three years thereafter.

ARTICLE IV
USE OF ASSISTANCE

Any commodities, supplies, or other property provided under United States assistance programs will be used solely for the purposes agreed upon between the Governments of the United States of America and Tajikistan. If use of any commodities, supplies or other property occurs for purposes other than those agreed upon under such programs, which the Government of the United States of America determines could reasonably have been prevented by appropriate action of the Government of Tajikistan, the Government of Tajikistan upon request shall refund in United States dollars to the Government of the United States of America the amount disbursed for such commodities, supplies, or other property. The Government of the United States of America may, in its discretion, make available the amount refunded to finance other costs of the assistance activity involved.

ARTICLE V
CURRENCY

Funds brought into Tajikistan in connection with United States assistance programs shall be convertible into the currency of Tajikistan 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 lawful for any commercial or other transaction in Tajikistan.

ARTICLE VI
TRAVEL

Personnel of the United States Government or of United States private organizations who are present in Tajikistan in connection with United States assistance programs may travel without internal visas or other restriction throughout Tajikistan, except to military bases, sensitive installations, and other facilities which are closed to the general public. Such personnel shall not be required to obtain permission from, or give advance notice to, the Government of Tajikistan for travel in Tajikistan.

ARTICLE VII
OTHER AGREEMENTS

The Government of the United States of America and government of Tajikistan recognize that further arrangements or agreements may be necessary or desirable with respect to particular United States assistance activities. In case of any inconsistency between this

agreement and any such further written agreements, the provisions of such further written agreements shall prevail.

ARTICLE VIII
ENTRY INTO FORCE

This agreement shall enter into force upon signature by both parties.

Done at Dushanbe, this thirteenth day of September, 1993.

FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA:

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FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF TAJIKISTAN:

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