

PROGRAMME FOR SCIENTIFIC & TECHNOLOGICAL COOPERATION  
BETWEEN ISRAEL AND COSTA RICA

Recalling the close ties and mutual friendship and cooperation that have traditionally united Costa Rica and Israel, and with a view to developing the aims of the already existing Convention on economic, cultural, technical and scientific cooperation between the two states dated 11.8.71, representatives of their respective Ministries of Science and Technology (hereinafter the Parties) convened in Jerusalem on June 17, 1991 and agreed to intensify their scientific and technological cooperation.

To this aim the Parties approved the following Programme for the years 1991-94.

1. The Parties shall endeavour to intensify the mutual technical assistance in fields and modes to be determined in this programme.
2. The mutual technical assistance in this programme, subject to available means of both Parties, can take one or more of the following forms:
  - a. Exchange of experts with a view to:
    - Participation in the preparation of concrete programmes for scientific and technological cooperation including joint research projects in fields of mutual interest.
    - Cooperation in training scientific, professional and technical personnel. Such training may involve either formal academic studies, post-graduate fellowships or exchange of senior scientists. It can also include exchange of other technical personnel for the purpose of acquiring modern techniques. It can also include short courses and workshops for groups of said personnel.

- Consultations regarding problems of scientific and technological innovation processes within local production and exporting sectors of the economy, contributing to technological innovations. Special emphasis will be given to the enhancement of university-industry cooperation.
  
  - Cooperation in projects consisting of scientific and technological elements, to be selected by mutual agreement by the two Parties, to be implemented with the assistance of international organizations, their agencies and financial institutions. The two countries will make joint efforts to formulate and submit suitable proposals to the appropriate bodies, as mentioned above.
  
  - Enable technical consultations in other specific problems in the fields of science and technology.
  
  - Encourage and facilitate the cooperation and the transfer of modern technology in the field of training of technicians and technologists through projects to be carried out by appropriate bodies.
- b. Exchange of scientific information and documentation by means, among others, of computerized and other modern information technologies, subject to available means of both Parties for this subject.
- c. Organization of lectures and seminars for the purpose of dissemination of technical and scientific knowledge.
- d. Other appropriate forms of cooperation that the two Parties will decide

3. The Parties will encourage direct cooperation between the various research centres in both countries and will act in this respect as coordinating bodies.
4. In order to implement and evaluate the programme each Party will appoint a coordinator to act on its behalf. The coordinators in both countries will meet at least once a year alternately in Costa Rica and Israel.
5. The institutions to which the hosting researchers or scientists are affiliated will take those measures necessary in order to put at the disposal of the visiting scientists equipment, facilities, office services, etc., that are required for the scientific cooperation.
6. The Parties will encourage cooperation and exchange of visits for the purpose of promoting scientific publications in both countries.

7. Financial Conditions

The exchange of experts in this programme will normally be implemented as follows:

- a. The Sending Party will cover the international travel expenses.
- b. The Receiving Party will cover hosting expenses, medical insurance (not including dental care and chronic diseases) and internal travel expenses as required by the programme of the visit, as well as organizing visits to centres of cultural and scientific activities, of interest to the visiting

c. Special arrangements will be made for selected activities in which both Parties consider it desirable or convenient.

8. Miscellaneous

a. Additional activities or mutual exchanges in science and technology, in areas of common interest to both Parties may be added to this programme by mutual accord.

b. Each activity mentioned in this programme can, if necessary, be extended to an additional period of time to be determined by the Parties, should both Parties express their mutual interest in such an extension.

9. The meeting of the representatives of both Parties for the purpose of preparing and signing the next programme will take place in San Jose, Costa Rica, during 1994.

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