

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN
THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, IRRIGATION AND
LIVESTOCK
OF THE ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF AFGHANISTAN
AND
THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FOOD
OF THE REPUBLIC OF BELARUS
ON CO-OPERATION
IN AGRICULTURAL FIELD

The Ministry of Agriculture, Irrigation and Livestock of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan and the Ministry of Agriculture and Food of the Republic of Belarus, hereinafter referred to as "the Contracting Parties";

Aiming to promote cooperation in the field of agriculture and rural development taking into account the existing potential of the Contracting Parties;

Expressing the intention to enhance cooperation between the Contracting Parties,

Desiring to create favorable conditions for the development of economic, technological cooperation in the field of agriculture and rural development;

Have agreed as follows:

ARTICLE 1

The Contracting Parties within the limit of their competences and according to their national legislations shall promote cooperation between organizations and business entities from the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan and the Republic of Belarus, which operate in the field of agriculture.

ARTICLE 2

The Contracting Parties shall support and develop cooperation on the following issues:

- a) plant growing;
- b) animal husbandry;
- c) mechanization of agricultural works;
- d) seed production;
- e) technology in agriculture;
- f) land improvement, land use planning and irrigation systems;
- g) scientific and research activity in the field of agriculture;

- h) phytosanitary and veterinary control;
- i) agricultural commodities export facilitation;
- j) post-harvest treatment and storage technologies.

ARTICLE 3

The cooperation between the Contracting Parties shall be conducted within their jurisdiction and in accordance with their national legislations in the following forms:

- a) exchange of information and technical documentation;
- b) exchange of experts and experience;
- c) introduction of new technologies in the plant growing and animal husbandry;
- d) support for establishment of mutual interest joint ventures; and
- e) organisation of fairs, exhibitions, seminars, conferences and symposia.

ARTICLE 4

The Contracting Parties may prepare cooperation plans and conduct bilateral meetings in order to review cooperation process under the framework of the Memorandum of Understanding. The plans will enter into force after they are endorsed by the Contracting Parties. The Contracting Parties shall appoint the contact person to expertise the implementation of this Memorandum of Understanding.

ARTICLE 5

Any dispute which may arise from the interpretation or application of this Memorandum of Understanding or the programs or projects arising thereof shall be settled between the Contracting Parties by mutual agreement.

ARTICLE 6

The Memorandum of Understanding shall enter into force on the date of its signature.


This Memorandum of Understanding shall remain into force for a period of 5 (five) years from the date of its entry and shall be renewed automatically for successive periods of 5 (five) years, unless either of the Contracting Parties notifies the other in writing through diplomatic channels of its intention to terminate it at least 6 (six) months prior to its expiration.

ARTICLE 7

This Memorandum of Understanding may be amended and supplemented by mutual consent. Such amendments and supplements, formalized by separate protocols, shall be an integral part of the Memorandum. These protocols shall enter into force under the Article 6 of the Memorandum of Understanding.

Done _____ on 17 Feb 2017, in two original copies in Russian and English languages, all texts being equally authentic. In case of divergence of interpretation, the English text shall prevail.

**ON BEHALF OF
THE MINISTRY OF
AGRICULTURE, IRRIGATION
AND LIVESTOCK OF THE
ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF
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