TECHNICAL COOPERATION

Agreement between the
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
and AFGHANISTAN

Signed at Kabul February 7, 1951
Entered into force February 7, 1951
Point Four General Agreement for Technical Cooperation
Between The Royal Afghan Government And The Government
of the United States of America

The Government of the United States of America and the Royal Afghan Government
Have agreed as follows:

Article I

Assistance and Cooperation

1. The Government of the United States of America and the Royal Afghan Government undertake to cooperate with each other in the interchange of technical knowledge and skills and in related activities designed to contribute to the balanced and integrated development of the economic resources and productive capacities of Afghanistan. Particular technical cooperation programs and projects will be carried out pursuant to the provisions of such separate written agreements or understandings as may later be reached by the duly designated representatives of the Royal Afghan Government and the Technical Cooperation Administration of the United States of America, or by other persons, agencies, or organizations designated by the governments.

2. The Royal Afghan Government through its duly designated representatives in cooperation with representatives of the Technical Cooperation Administration of the United States of America and representatives of appropriate international organizations will endeavor to coordinate and integrate all technical cooperation programs being carried on in Afghanistan.

3. The Royal Afghan Government will cooperate in the mutual exchange of technical knowledge and skills with other countries participating in technical cooperation programs associated with that carried on under this Agreement.

4. The Royal Afghan Government will endeavor to make effective use of the results of technical projects carried on in Afghanistan in cooperation with the United States of America.

5. The two governments will, upon the request of either of them, consult with regard to any matter relating to the application of this Agreement to project agreements heretofore or hereafter concluded between them, or to operations or arrangements carried out pursuant to such agreements.
Article II

Information and Publicity

1. The Royal Afghan Government will communicate to the Government of the United States of America in a form and at intervals to be mutually agreed upon:

a) Information concerning projects, programs, measures and operations carried on under this Agreement, including a statement of the use of funds, materials, equipment, and services provided thereunder;

b) Information regarding technical assistance which has been or is being requested of other countries or of international organizations.

2. Not less frequently than once a year, the Royal Afghan Government and the Government of the United States of America will make public in their respective countries periodic reports on the technical cooperation programs carried on pursuant to this Agreement. Such reports shall include information as to the use of funds, materials, equipment, and services.

3. The Government of the United States of America and the Royal Afghan Government will endeavor to give full publicity to the objectives and progress of the technical cooperation program carried on under this Agreement.

Article III

Program and Project Agreements

1. The program and project agreements referred to in Article I, Paragraph 1, above will include provisions relating to policies, administrative procedures, the disbursement of and accounting for funds, the contribution of each party to the cost of the program or project, and the furnishing of detailed information of the character set forth in Article II, Paragraph 1 above.

2. Any funds, materials and equipment introduced into Afghanistan by the Government of the United States of America pursuant to such program and project agreements shall be exempt from taxes, service charges, investment or deposit requirements, and currency controls.

3. The Royal Afghan Government agrees to bear a fair share of the cost of technical assistance programs and projects.

Article IV

Personnel

All employees of the Government of the United States of America assigned to duties in Afghanistan in connection with cooperative technical assistance programs and projects and accompanying members of their families shall be exempt from all Afghan income taxes and social security taxes with respect to income upon which they are obligated to pay income or social security taxes to the Government of The United States of America, and from property taxes on personal property intended for their own use. Such employees and accompanying members of their families shall receive the same treatment with respect to the payment of customs and import duties on personal effects, equipment and supplies imported into Afghanistan for their own use, as is accorded by the Royal Afghan Government to diplomatic personnel of the United States Embassy in Afghanistan.

Article V

Entry into Force, Amendment, Duration

1. This Agreement shall enter into force on the day on which it is signed. It shall remain in force until three months after either government has given notice in writing to the other of its intention to terminate the Agreement.

2. If, during the life of this Agreement, either government should consider that there should be an amendment thereof, it shall so notify the other government in writing and the two governments shall thereupon consult with a view to agreeing upon the amendment.

3. Subsidiary project and other agreements and arrangements which may be concluded may remain in force beyond any termination of this Agreement, in accordance with such arrangements as the two governments may make.

4. This Agreement is complementary to and does not supersede existing agreements between the two governments except insofar as other agreements are inconsistent herewith.

In witness whereof, the undersigned, duly authorized by their respective governments, have signed the present Agreement in duplicate at Kabul on the 7th day of February 1961.

For the
Royal Afghan Government

For the
Government of the United States of America

[Signatures]

Glenn M. Hammers
Minister of Interior

Frederick J. Lowry
Charge d'Affaires a.i.
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Assurances Under Mutual Security Act of 1951

Agreement between the
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
and AFGHANISTAN

- Effect by Exchange of Notes
  Dated at Kabul January 2 and 24, 1952
- Entered into force January 24, 1952
The American Chargé d'Affaires to the Royal Afghan Minister for
Foreign Affairs

No. 987

The Charge d'Affaires of the United States of America presents his compliments to His Excellency the Royal Afghan Minister for Foreign Affairs and has the honor to refer to Article V, Paragraph 2 of the Point IV General Agreement for Technical Cooperation between the Royal Afghan Government and the Government of the United States of America which was signed on February 7, 1953.[1] An act passed by the United States Congress, known as the Mutual Security Act of 1951,[2] requires that by January 8, 1952 certain changes be made in those Point IV General Agreements which have been concluded with countries receiving economic and technical assistance. The required changes are contained in the following proposed amendment to the above agreement:

"Pursuant to Article V, Paragraph 2 of the Point Four General Agreement for Technical Cooperation between the Royal Afghan Government and the United States signed on February 7, 1951, the Royal Government of Afghanistan and the Government of the United States of America hereby agree that said agreement is hereby amended by adding the following clause at the beginning of said General Agreement:

'Considering that the peoples of the United States and of Afghanistan have a common interest in economic and social progress and that their comparative efforts to exchange technical knowledge and skills will assist in achieving that objective, and

'Considering that the interchange of technical knowledge and skills will strengthen the mutual security of both peoples, and develop their resources in the interest of maintaining their security and independence, and

'Considering that the Government of the United States of America and the Government of Afghanistan agree to join in promoting international understanding and good will and in maintaining world peace, and to undertake such action as they may mutually agree upon to eliminate causes for international tension.'"[3]

[1]Treaties and Other International Acts Series 2210; 2 UST 564
[3]28890-43 (1)
The Charge d’Affaires of the United States would appreciate being informed whether the above amendment to the Point IV General Agreement is acceptable to the Royal Afghan Government. This note and a note in reply thereto from the Royal Afghan Minister for Foreign Affairs expressing the Royal Afghan Government’s acceptance of the amendment proposed herein may be considered to constitute an act of amendment incorporating the above provisions into the Point IV General Agreement between the Royal Afghan Government and the Government of the United States of America.

American Embassy,
Kabul, January 2, 1958.
Translation
ROYAL AFGHAN MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS,
KARUL

January 24, 1951

No. 2724

The Royal Afghan Ministry of Foreign Affairs presents its compliments to the Embassy of the United States of America and with reference to that Embassy's note No. 283 of January 2, 1951, has the honor to state that in accordance with the provisions of the text of the above-mentioned note relative to the amendments to be made in the Point IV Agreement as necessitated by the "Mutual Security Act of 1951" and in pursuance of subclause 5 of clause 2 of the agreement concluded between the two Governments on February 7, 1951, the Royal Afghan Government (hereby) expresses its concurrence to the three amendments mentioned in the note referred to above.

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