

AGREEMENT

BETWEEN

THE GOVERNMENT OF THE STATE OF ISRAEL

AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION

ON COOPERATION IN THE FIELD

OF AGRICULTURE AND AGRICULTURAL INDUSTRY

The Government of the State of Israel and the Government of the Russian Federation, hereinafter the Parties;

Recognizing that mutual understanding between both countries creates prerequisites for establishing bilateral cooperation in the field of agriculture and agricultural industry,

Expressing their willingness and intention to work out and implement measures aimed at the development of bilateral relations,

Adhering to the principles of reciprocity and mutual benefit,

Have agreed as follows:

The Parties will facilitate cooperation in the following directions:

- 1) perfection and implementation of new intensive technologies for growing agricultural crops;
- 2) modernisation and technical renovation of food processing enterprises;
- 3) implementation of modern technologies in production of milk and meat products, renovation and modernisation of milk and cheese factories, construction of meat processing plants of small capacity;

- 4) implementation of resources-saving and wasteless technologies into agricultural production and processing;
- 5) modernisation and renovation of baby-food industry;
- 6) service and maintenance of equipment supplied by Israeli companies for Russian agricultural industry.

Article 2

The cooperation between the Parties may be executed in the following forms:

- 1) exchange of scientific-technical information and documentation, delegations of specialists, scientists, farmers, trainees;
- 2) mutual scientific research on problems which are of interest to both Parties;
- 3) provision of project design and consultation service;
- 4) cooperation in agricultural research and in the implementation of its results.

Article 3

The Parties will endeavour to develop and implement projects in the field of agriculture in different regions of the Russian Federation, having in mind the organisation of agro-industrial modules of "production-processing-storage-selling" of agriculture and food products, with the view to create a modern basis for the production of import substitutes and export items of agricultural industry.

Article 4

The Parties will endeavour to create new types of agricultural units in the Russian Federation.

They will also contribute to:

- 1) the organisation of training and education of farmers and specialists in Israel;
- 2) the training and education of farmers and specialists in existing centres of Russia;
- 3) the foundation of agricultural educational training centres for farmers and specialists;
- 4) providing agro-technical assistance and service system for agricultural producers.

Article 5

The Parties, in the framework of their competence, will endeavour to promote and guide the development of cooperation between corresponding organisations of both countries, namely by preparing working programs for the realization of projects and measures in accordance with this Agreement. Financial and legal aspects of the implementation of projects within such working programs and commercial agreements on a contractual basis shall be considered and agreed upon in every case separately between the parties concerned.

Article 6

Cooperation within the present Agreement will be executed according to the laws and regulations in force in each country.

Article 7

For the fulfillment of the present Agreement a Joint Russian-Israeli Working Group shall be established. The Joint Working Group will hold its meetings once a year, unless otherwise agreed upon between the Parties.

The Working Group will study projects and programs of cooperation, regulate the order for their fulfillment, give a list of the organisations and enterprises which may execute the measures of cooperation agreed upon.

The realization of the present Agreement shall be coordinated on behalf of the Russian Party by the Ministry of Agriculture and Food of the Russian Federation and on behalf of the Israeli Party by the Ministry of Agriculture of the State of Israel.

In the period between the Working Group sessions the coordinating bodies will contact and monitor the cooperation in order to fulfill the present Agreement.

Article 8

The Parties shall view favorably the initiation and establishment of investments on a commercial basis in the two countries by private investors of the other country as well as by international banks and organisations.

Both parties will mutually take the necessary steps in order to indentify sources of international and other funding for the implementation of projects of cooperation.

Article 9

Nothing in this Agreement should be interpreted as contradicting or changing any existing agreements between the Parties.

Article 10

Each Party shall notify the other Party of the completion of the internal procedures required for bringing this Agreement into force. The Agreement shall enter into force on the date of the later notification.

Article 11

This Agreement shall be in force for a period of five years. Thereafter it shall be automatically renewed for additional periods of five years each unless either of the Parties has informed the other in writing, through diplomatic channels, six months before the expiration of the relevant period, of its intention to terminate the Agreement.

