

hereinafter referred to as the «Parties»,

Desiring to make the friendly ties between the two nations closer,

Recognizing their mutual interest in promoting and enhancing economic, technical and scientific progress to the benefit of both Parties,

Considering that the Hellenic Republic, being a member state of the European Union, is obliged to observe and to act in conformity with the European Union's legislation,

Have agreed on the following:

ARTICLE 1

In the field of agriculture policy, plant production, plant protection, animal husbandry and breeding, animal health, land management, land reclamation, agriculture research and extension, fisheries and aquaculture, food industry, forestry and natural resources management and rural affairs, both parties agreed on:

a) Exchange of general scientific and technical information and

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AND
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ON
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IN THE FIELD
OF AGRICULTURE**

The Government of the Republic of Lebanon and the Government of the Hellenic Republic,

Committee will be composed of representatives of the Ministries of Agriculture from both countries and shall meet periodically and alternately in Greece and Lebanon.

ARTICLE 3

All expenses arising from the exchange of visits of delegations and of experts and consultants will be borne by the sending party. The receiving party has to be informed about the visits one month prior to the arrival.

The Parties shall explore the possibilities to ensure the availability of financial resources from the European Union and/or international organizations and funding agencies.

The financial funding undertaken by the Parties will be subject to the availability of the financial resources of both sides.

The activities undertaken in the framework of the Official Bilateral Development Assistance/ Co-operation Program shall be financed by the Hellenic Side.

ARTICLE 4

This Protocol shall enter into

documentation.

b) Exchange of information on developments in scientific research

c) Exchange of visits of experts and consultants

d) Exchange of expertise and information about laws and legislations

e) Organization of training programs, seminars, conferences, exhibitions, fairs and meetings in either country

f) Establishment of direct joint activities between the respective research institutions

g) Encouragement of joint ventures between the co-operative and private sectors of both countries

h) Encouragement of agri-tourism and eco-tourism

i) Encouragement of agricultural trade between both countries

j) Encouragement of investment

ARTICLE 2

The parties have agreed on the establishment of a Joint Hellenic-Lebanese Committee in order to realize the co-operation envisaged in Article 1 of this Protocol. This

force on the date of the last notification by which a Party informs the other about the completion of its relevant internal procedures.

It shall remain in force for a period of five (5) years and may be renewed for further periods of five years upon an exchange of notes between the Parties. Each Party may terminate it upon a six-month prior written notice during the initial of any subsequent period of validity.

The present Protocol may be amended by written consent of the Parties. Any amendment shall enter into force according to the procedure set forth in the first paragraph of the present Article.

Concluded in....., on.... 200..., in two copies in English, Arabic and Greek languages, all texts being equally authentic. In case of any divergence in interpretation, the English text shall prevail.

FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF THE
HELLENIC REPUBLIC

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