

**FRAMEWORK AGREEMENT ON TECHNICAL  
COOPERATION BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE  
REPUBLIC OF CHINA (TAIWAN) AND THE  
GOVERNMENT OF BELIZE**

The Government of the Republic of China (Taiwan) and the Government of Belize (hereinafter referred to individually as a “Party” and collectively as “the Parties”), desiring to strengthen their existing cordial relations and to promote and expand the scope of technical cooperation between their countries in various areas, have agreed as follows:

**Article 1**

Purpose

This Agreement, based upon the Parties’ cooperative relations and commitment to promoting development, shall apply to the various forms of technical cooperation in implementation, and shall serve to establish further cooperation programmes in fields that the Parties have agreed upon, in areas such as agriculture; forestry; fisheries; animal husbandry; information and communication technology; education; environmental conservation and disaster prevention; climate adaptation and resilience; youth and women; micro-, small, and medium-sized enterprises; public health and medicine; tourism; and other areas of mutual consent.

Upon the completion of their respective domestic internal procedures, the Parties shall implement projects under the framework of this Agreement, that have been mutually agreed by the Parties.

## **Article 2**

### **Areas of Cooperation**

The Agreement covers the following areas of technical cooperation:

- I. Technical Missions which the Government of the Republic of China (Taiwan) can send to Belize and which may be composed of a leader and or technical cooperation specialists to support the implementation of projects mutually agreed by the Parties.
- II. The dispatch and exchange of technical cooperation specialists, including project managers, technicians, instructors, advisors, and other specialized personnel.
- III. The exchange of techniques and statistical data.
- IV. Student exchanges and personnel training.
- V. The holding of conferences, lectures, seminars, training, and other such related activities.

## **Article 3**

**Responsibilities—Government of the Republic of China (Taiwan)**

The Government of the Republic of China (Taiwan) shall undertake the following:

- I. Select specialists for the Technical Mission in accord with the demands of projects and programmes.
- II. Pay the salaries, allowances, insurance and medical care expenses of specialists from the Republic of China (Taiwan) during their service in Belize.
- III. Defray the international travel costs of specialists of the Republic of China (Taiwan) between the Republic of China (Taiwan) and Belize.

- IV. Conduct student exchanges and personnel training.
- V. Implement any technical cooperation projects decided upon by mutual consent of the Parties.

#### **Article 4**

##### Responsibilities—Government of Belize

The Government of Belize shall undertake the following:

- I. Pay the salaries of Belize personnel participating in technical cooperation projects.
- II. Provide land, office space, accommodation for Technical Mission personnel, and administrative support; pay warehousing costs and charges, as well as other related expenses, for related imported goods; and assume responsibility for the transportation of items required for technical cooperation projects.
- III. Assign a liaison officer and any other necessary personnel to each technical cooperation project.
- IV. Issue appropriate identification cards and process documentation to regularise the status of Technical Mission personnel and their dependents, as well as any other necessary conveniences for their entry into, departure from, and stay in Belize during their period of service.
- V. Provide quarterly and annual status reports during the period of implementation of the project, and a final report at the completion of the project.
- VI. Assume full responsibility for the operation of projects upon completion.



## Article 5

### Privileges

The Government of Belize shall grant the following privileges during the implementation of all projects under this Agreement:

- I. Exemption from customs duties, taxes, other charges, and import permits and inspections fees for imported equipment, materials, and supplies as required for the purpose of implementation of projects, as well as value-added tax and other tax liabilities on equipment, materials, and supplies purchased in Belize.
- II. Exemption from customs duties, taxes and other charges for personal and household effects of the Technical Mission personnel of the Republic of China (Taiwan) and their family dependents—i.e., effects for personal use for their period of service—brought into Belize on first arrival, subsequent entries into Belize, and final departure from Belize after their period of service has ended. No exemption shall be granted in respect of any items for commercial use.

The term “family dependents” as used herein refers to the spouse, unmarried minor children, dependent children below the age of 24 years who are pursuing a course of study, dependent children with a disability, and retired parents of the Technical Mission personnel of the Republic of China (Taiwan).

- III. Exemption from customs duties, taxes, and other charges on vehicles for the personal use of Technical Mission personnel of the Republic of China (Taiwan); the issuance of diplomatic licence plates to vehicles belonging to Technical Mission

personnel of the Republic of China (Taiwan); and exemption from all applicable taxes in cases of transfer of vehicle ownership between Technical Mission personnel of the Republic of China (Taiwan). In the case of the sale of a vehicle to a nonprivileged person prior to the expiry of the three-year period, the buyer shall pay related duties to customs before applying for a new license plate.

- IV. Exemption from social security deductions, income tax, and other deductions on the salaries and allowances paid from abroad to Technical Mission personnel of the Republic of China (Taiwan) for project-related work during their service in Belize.
- V. Privileges, exemptions and other treatment to Technical Mission personnel of the Republic of China (Taiwan) and their property no less favourable than that accorded to the personnel of other international missions residing and performing similar activities in the territory of Belize.
- VI. Upon the occurrence of any international crisis, the provision of treatment to Technical Mission personnel of the Republic of China (Taiwan) and their family dependents as required for their safe return to the Republic of China (Taiwan) equivalent to that accorded to the personnel of other international missions residing and performing similar activities in the territory of Belize.

## **Article 6**

### Non-disclosure

The personnel appointed by either Party to participate in the projects

under this Agreement shall not disclose any information on such projects that is considered confidential as agreed by the Parties, unless one of the Parties has prior written consent from the other Party or applicable local laws require disclosure.

## **Article 7**

### **Matters Subject to Separate Agreement**

- I. The dissemination and utilization of information, and the management and exercise of intellectual property rights, related to the technical cooperation projects under this Agreement shall be governed by separate agreements.
- II. The Parties may, as they deem fit, enter into separate agreements governing cooperative projects and activities mutually agreed by the Parties.

## **Article 8**

### **Previous Agreements**

This Agreement shall supersede the Agreement on Agricultural Technical Cooperation between the Government of the Republic of China (Taiwan) and the Government of Belize, signed by the Parties on the thirtieth day of December of the year nineteen ninety-six of the Gregorian calendar; and the following sector specific Agreements:

- (i) the Agreement between the Government of the Republic of China (Taiwan) and the Government of Belize on Cooperation in Public Health and Medical Skills, which



- was signed by the Parties on the tenth day of February of the year two thousand and sixteen of the Gregorian calendar;
- (ii) the Agreement between the Government of the Republic of China (Taiwan) and the Government of Belize on the Cooperation in Breeding Sheep and Goat Production and Guidance System Enhancement Project, which was signed by the Parties on the twenty-sixth day of March of the year two thousand and twenty of the Gregorian calendar;
  - (iii) the Agreement between the Government of the Republic of China (Taiwan) and the Government of Belize on Cooperation in Information and Communication Technology (ICT) (2019 - 2024), which was signed by the Parties on the ninth day of April of the year two thousand and twenty of the Gregorian calendar; and
  - (iv) the Agreement between the Government of the Republic of China (Taiwan) and the Government of Belize on Cooperation for the Flood Warning Capacity Improvement for the Belize River Basin Project, which was signed by the Parties on the first day of December of the year two thousand and twenty-two of the Gregorian calendar.

Furthermore, this Agreement shall provide for the expansion of the scope of cooperation previously mutually agreed between the Parties, and as stipulated in Article 1 of said Agreement. Cooperation projects under implementation in accordance with any of the five aforementioned agreements shall be governed by this Agreement

upon its entry into force. Where this Agreement falls silent on a matter relating to any of the five aforementioned Agreements, the provisions of the prior Agreements shall apply for the duration of the project.

## **Article 9**

### **Dispute Resolution**

Any dispute arising out of or in connection with this Agreement, concerning its interpretation and application shall be settled by the Parties through diplomatic negotiation based on the principle of good faith.

## **Article 10**

### **Entry into Force, Amendment and Termination**

- I. This Agreement shall enter into force on the date that the last Party notifies the other Party in writing of the completion of its internal procedures and shall remain in effect for a period of five years.
- II. This Agreement shall be automatically and successively extended for a further five years upon its expiration unless the Parties agree otherwise.
- III. The Parties may, through mutual agreement, amend or revise this Agreement by exchange of letters, stating the effective date for the amendment.
- IV. Either Party may terminate this Agreement by giving six months' prior written notice to the other Party.
- V. Following the termination or expiry of this Agreement, any events, cases, research endeavours, workshops and other activities occurring in or under implementation undertaken pursuant to this Agreement shall continue to completion, unless a request for termination is made in writing by either Party.



VI. The non-disclosure obligation under this Agreement shall survive the termination or expiry of this Agreement and shall remain binding on the Parties.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, the undersigned, being duly authorized by their respective Governments, have signed this Agreement.

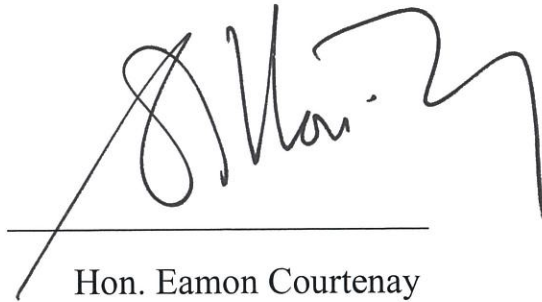
Done in duplicate in the Chinese and English languages, with both texts being equally authentic, in Belmopan on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of April of the year two thousand and twenty-three of the Gregorian calendar.

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