MEMORANDUM ON COOPERATION IN
SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION
UNDER THE GUIDELINES FOR
A COOPERATIVE PROGRAM IN THE AGRICULTURAL SCIENCES
BETWEEN THE
COORDINATION COUNCIL FOR NORTH AMERICAN AFFAIRS
AND THE
AMERICAN INSTITUTE IN TAIWAN

Pursuant to the Guidelines for a Cooperative Program in the Agricultural Sciences between themselves in January 1986, the Coordination Council for North American Affairs (hereinafter referred to as CCNAA) and the American Institute in Taiwan (hereinafter referred to as AIT), being desirous of advancing cooperation in soil and water conservation, have agreed through their respective representatives upon the following articles:

1. Soil and water conservation personnel from the territory represented by CCNAA will be provided opportunities as visiting scientists to upgrade their skills in the territory represented by AIT under the auspices of the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Soil Conservation Service (SCS) and Forest Service (FS) for periods of several months to a year, to be mutually agreed on a case-by-case basis. Subjects of particular interest are land use control and management, geographical information system, soil conservation assessment, watershed protection and management, water quality monitoring, soil surveys, plant material development, and resources conservation education and publicity.

The Council of Agriculture (COA), CCNAA's designated representative, will select candidates for such training from throughout the soil and water conservation community in the territory represented by CCNAA, and AIT's designated representative, the USDA/SCS, will identify sites for such training in territory represented by AIT both at USDA/SCS and USDA/FS facilities. In selecting sites, USDA/SCS would give priority to sites in Puerto Rico, Hawaii, Guam, American Samoa and the Commonwealth of Northern Marianas.

- 2. The soil conservation technology developed in the territory represented by CCNAA may be applicable to the U.S. soil conservation programs. A target would be to conduct one cooperative workshop every three years. Both the COA and the USDA/SCS will intensify efforts to expand the exchange of conservation technology.
- 3. Cooperation on both professional enhancement and technology transfer can best be facilitated through the existing Guidelines for a Cooperative Program in the Agricultural Sciences signed in January 1986 by and between CCNAA and AIT and managed by COA and USDA/Office of International Cooperation and Development (OICD) as their designated representatives, respectively.

4. Funding for cooperative activities under the Guidelines shall be carried out on the basis of mutuality, reciprocity, and flexibility. In general, each side shall fund the cost of its participation in cooperative activities and may, if it chooses, provide full or partial support for participation in these activities by scientists and specialists of the other side. Decisions on funding for joint activities shall be made by mutual agreement.

This Memorandum shall come into force on and from the date of its signature.

Done at Washington, D.C. on this 5th day of October, 1992.

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