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PLANT PROTECTION AGREEMENT FOR THE
[SOUTH EAST] ASIA AND PACIFIC REGION⁽²⁾

The Contracting Governments, desiring to prevent, through concerted action, the introduction into and spread within the [South East] Asia and Pacific Region of destructive plant diseases and pests, have concluded the following Agreement, which is a supplementary agreement under Article III of the International Plant Protection Convention of 1951:

ARTICLE I

Definitions

In this Agreement and in the appendices hereto, the following terms shall have the meaning hereby assigned to them, save as otherwise provided:

- (a) "The [South East] Asia and Pacific Region, hereinafter called "The Region" comprises all territories in [South East] Asia east of the western border of Pakistan and south of the Himalayas, the southern border of China and west of the eastern coast of Viet-Nam, together with all those territories in the Pacific Ocean, the South China Sea and the Indian Ocean situated wholly or partly in the area bounded by longitude 100° East, latitude 45° South, longitude 130° West, latitude 38° North to the point of its intersection with the western coast of the Republic of Korea, and from that point a straight line to Taipei, and thence a straight line to the point of intersection of the eastern coast of Viet-Nam and latitude 15° North. For the purpose of implementing the objectives of this Agreement Hong Kong shall also be considered as being in the Region."
- (b) "plant" or "plants" means all species of plants or parts thereof, whether living or dead (including stems, branches, tubers, bulbs, corms, stocks, budwood, cuttings, layers, slips, suckers, roots, leaves, flowers, fruits, seeds, and any other parts of plants);

⁽¹⁾ In accordance with Article IX, paragraph 4 of the Agreement the Amendments entered into force with respect to all Contracting Governments on 16 February 1983, this being the thirtieth day after acceptance by two-thirds of the Contracting Governments.

⁽²⁾ Treaty Series No. 40 (1957), Cmnd. 170, amended by Treaty Series No. 120 (1969), Cmnd. 4183.

- (c) "territory" means a State or Territory within the Region defined in (a) above;
- (d) "the Organization" means the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations;
- (e) "the [Committee] *Commission*" means the [Plant Protection Committee for the South East] Asia and Pacific [Region] *Plant Protection Commission* established in pursuance of Article II of this Agreement.

ARTICLE II

Regional [Committee] Commission

1. The Contracting Governments hereby establish a regional [Committee] *Commission* to be known as the [Plant Protection Committee for the South East] Asia and Pacific [Region] *Plant Protection Commission*, whose functions shall include:

- (a) the determination of procedures and arrangements necessary for the implementation of this Agreement and the making of recommendations to the Contracting Governments accordingly;
- (b) the review of reports submitted by the Contracting Governments of progress in the implementation of this Agreement;
- (c) the consideration of problems requiring co-operation on a regional basis and of measures for mutual assistance.

2. Each Contracting Government shall be represented on the [Committee] *Commission* and shall have one vote. A majority of the Contracting Governments shall constitute a quorum. Decisions of the [Committee] *Commission* shall be taken by a majority of the votes cast except as otherwise provided in this Agreement.

3. The [Committee] *Commission* shall meet whenever convened by the Director-General of the Organization after consultation with the Chairman of the [Committee] *Commission*. The Director-General of the Organization shall convene the [Committee] *Commission* at least once every two years or when so requested by at least one third of the Contracting Governments.

4. The [Committee] *Commission* shall elect from amongst the delegates a Chairman who shall serve for a period of two years or until the first session of the [Committee] *Commission* held after the expiration of the period of two years. The Chairman shall be eligible for re-election.

5. Expenses incurred by delegates of Contracting Governments in attending sessions of the [Committee] *Commission* shall be determined and paid by their respective Governments. The Director-General of the Organization shall appoint and provide the secretariat of the [Committee] *Commission* from the staff of the Organization who shall serve only during the sessions of the [Committee] *Commission*. The expenses of the secretariat of the [Committee] *Commission* shall be determined and paid by the Organization.

6. The [Committee] *Commission* shall establish its own rules of procedure.

ARTICLE III

Measures regarding the Importation of Plants from Outside the Region

For the purpose of preventing the introduction into its territory or territories of destructive diseases and pests, and in particular those listed in Appendix A to this Agreement, each Contracting Government shall use its best endeavours to apply, with respect to the importation of any plants, including their packings and containers, and any packings and containers of plant origin, from anywhere outside the Region, such measures of prohibition, certification, inspection, disinfection, disinfestation, quarantine, destruction or other measures as may be recommended by the [Committee] *Commission* taking into consideration the provisions of Articles V and VI of the International Plant Protection Convention.

Appendix A to this Agreement may be modified by a decision of the [Committee] *Commission*.

ARTICLE IV

Measures to Exclude South American Leaf Blight of Hevea from the Region

In view of the importance of the Hevea rubber industry in the Region, and of the danger of introducing the destructive South American leaf blight (*Dothidella ulei*) of the Hevea rubber tree, the Contracting Governments shall take the measures specified in Appendix B to this Agreement. Appendix B to this Agreement may be modified by a decision of the [Committee] *Commission* taken unanimously.

ARTICLE V

Measures Regarding Movement of Plants within the Region

For the purpose of preventing the spread within the Region of destructive diseases and pests, each Contracting Government shall use its best endeavours to apply, with respect to the importation into its territory of any plants, including packings and containers, and any packings and containers of plant origin, from another territory within the Region, such measures of prohibition, certification, inspection, disinfection, desinfestation, quarantine, destruction or other measures as may be recommended by the [Committee] *Commission*, in addition to measures already adopted by each Contracting Government.

ARTICLE VI

General Exemption

This Agreement shall not apply to the following plants and plant products except insofar as any such plants or plant products are explicitly

made subject to specific measures of control provided in this Agreement or recommended by the [Committee] *Commission* :

- (a) any plants imported for food or for analytical, medicinal or manufacturing purposes;
- (b) all seeds of annual or biennial field crops or vegetables, and all seeds or cut flowers of annual, biennial or perennial ornamental plants which are essentially herbaceous in character; and
- (c) any processed plant products.

ARTICLE VII

Settlement of Disputes

If there be any dispute regarding the interpretation or implementation of this Agreement, or regarding action taken by any Contracting Government under this Agreement, and such dispute cannot be resolved by the [Committee] *Commission*, the Government or Governments concerned may request the Director-General of the Organization to appoint a committee of experts to consider such dispute.

ARTICLE VIII

Rights and Obligations of Contracting Governments not Parties to the International Plant Protection Convention

Nothing in the International Plant Protection Convention shall affect the rights and obligations of Contracting Governments which are not parties to the Convention.

ARTICLE IX

Amendment

1. Any proposal by a Contracting Government for the amendment of this Agreement, except Appendices A and B, shall be communicated, through the [Committee] *Commission* to the Director-General of the Organization.

2. Any proposed amendment of this Agreement received by the Director-General of the Organization shall be presented to a session of the Council of the Organization for approval.

3. Notice of any proposed amendment of this Agreement shall be transmitted to the Contracting Governments by the Director-General of the Organization not later than the time when the agenda of the session of the Council at which the matter is to be considered is despatched.

4. Any such amendment of this Agreement, approved by the Council of the Organization, shall come into force with respect to all Contracting Governments as from the thirtieth day after acceptance by two thirds of the Contracting Governments. Amendments involving new obligations for Contracting Governments, however, shall come into force in respect of each Contracting Government only on acceptance by it and as from the thirtieth day after such acceptance.

5. The instruments of acceptance of amendments shall be deposited with the Director-General of the Organization. The effective date of acceptance shall be the date of such deposit. The Director-General of the Organization shall inform all Contracting Governments of the receipt of acceptances and the entry into force of amendments.

ARTICLE X

Signature and Adherence

1. The Government of any State situated in the Region, or any Government which is responsible for the international relations of a territory or territories in the Region, may become a party to this Agreement, by either

- (a) signature; or
- (b) signature subject to ratification followed by such ratification; or
- (c) adherence.

Governments may not subject their signature, ratification or adherence to any reservation.

2. This Agreement, the text of which was approved by the Council of the Organization on 26 November 1955, shall be open for signature until 30 June 1956 or until the date of its entry into force in conformity with the provisions of Article XI, paragraph 1, whichever date is the later. The Director-General of the Organization shall immediately inform all signatory Governments of the signature of this Agreement by any other Government. Ratification shall be effected by the deposit of an instrument of ratification with the Director-General of the Organization and shall become effective as from the date of deposit.

3. This Agreement shall be open for adherence as from 1 July 1956 or from the date of its entry into force in conformity with the provisions of Article XI, paragraph 1, whichever date is the later. Adherence shall be effected by the deposit of an instrument of adherence with the Director-General of the Organization and shall become effective as from the date of deposit.

4. The Director-General of the Organization shall immediately inform all signatory and adhering Governments of the deposit of an instrument of ratification or of adherence.

ARTICLE XI

Entry into Force

1. This Agreement shall come into force as soon as three Governments have become parties to it, either by signature, or by signature subject to ratification followed by such ratification.

2. The Director-General of the Organization shall notify all signatory Governments of the date of entry into force of this Agreement.

ARTICLE XII

Denunciation and Termination

1. Any Contracting Government may, at any time after the expiration of one year from the date on which it became a party to the Agreement, or from the date on which the Agreement entered into force, whichever is the later, denounce this Agreement by notification addressed to the Director-General of the Organization, who shall at once inform all signatory and adhering Governments of the denunciation.

2. The denunciation shall take effect one year from the date of receipt of the notification by the Director-General of the Organization.

3. This Agreement shall automatically be terminated should the parties to it become fewer than three as the result of denunciations.

In witness whereof the undersigned, duly authorized to that effect, have signed this Agreement on behalf of their respective Governments on the dates appearing opposite their signatures.

Done at Rome on the twenty-seventh day of February one thousand nine hundred and fifty six in two copies in the English, French and Spanish languages, which languages shall be equally authoritative. The text of this Agreement shall be authenticated by the Chairman of the Council of the Organization and the Director-General of the Organization. After expiry of the period during which the Agreement is open for signature, in accordance with Article X, paragraph 2, one copy of the Agreement shall be deposited with the Secretary-General of the United Nations and the other in the archives of the Organization. Additional copies of this text shall be certified by the Director-General of the Organization and furnished to all Governments parties to the Agreement, with the indication of the date on which it has come into force.

APPENDIX A

Appendix A which appears below supersedes that published in Treaty Series No. 40 (1957), Cmnd. 170. Appendix B remains unchanged.

Appendix A

LIST OF DESTRUCTIVE PESTS AND DISEASES NOT YET ESTABLISHED
IN THE ASIA AND PACIFIC REGION AS AMENDED BY THE FIRST,
SECOND, THIRD AND SIXTH SESSIONS OF THE COMMISSION

<i>COCOA (Theobroma cacao)</i>		
		<i>Known distribution</i>
<i>Sahlbergella singularis</i> Hagl.	Capsid bug causing dieback	West Africa, Congo, Angola
<i>Distantiella theobroma</i> Dist.	Capsid bug causing dieback	West Africa, Congo
<i>Helopeltis bergrothi</i> Reut.	Capsid bug causing canker	Africa
<i>Stenoma decora</i> Zell.	Cacao fruit and shoot borer	Brazil
<i>Marasmius perniciosus</i> Stahel	Witches' broom	West Indies, South America
<i>Monilia roleri</i> Cif.	<i>Monilia</i> pod rot	South America, Panama
<i>Trachysphaera fructigena</i> Tabor et Bunting	Trachysphaera pod rot	Africa
Swollen shoot virus complex	Swollen shoot	West Africa (certain strains occur in Ceylon; similar diseases probably also occur in Colombia, Venezuela and Java)
Cacao red mottle virus	Red mottle	Trinidad
Cacao vein-clearing virus	Vein clearing	Trinidad
<i>CASSAVA (Manihot esculenta)</i>		
<i>Phaeolus manihotis</i> Heim	Root rot	Malagasy
Cassava brown streak virus	Brown streak	East Africa, Southern Rhodesia, Malawi
Cassava mosaic virus	Mosaic	Africa, Brasil, Indonesia
<i>CITRUS (Citrus spp.)</i>		
<i>Anastrepha fraterculus</i> (Wied)		Mexico, Central and South America
<i>Anastrepha ludens</i> (Loew.)	Mexican fruit fly	Mexico, Central America
<i>Anastrepha mombinpraeoptans</i> Sein	West Indian fruit fly	USA (Florida, Texas) Mexico, Central America, South America, West Indies
Other <i>Anastrepha</i> spp.	Fruit flies	America (tropical and warm regions)
<i>Ceratitis rosa</i> Karsch	Natal fruit fly	Africa
<i>Ceratitis capitata</i> (Wied.)	Mediterranean fruit fly	Europe, Near East, Africa, W. Australia, Central and South America, Hawaii
<i>Strumeta (Dacus) tryoni</i> (Frogg)	Queensland fruit fly	Australia (Queensland and part of New South Wales)
<i>Deuterophoma tracheiphila</i> Petri	Mal secco	Mediterranean region
Citrus stubborn disease virus	Stubborn disease	California, Arizona
<i>COCONUT (Cocos nucifera)</i>		
<i>Pachymerus nucleorum</i> (F.)	Coconut borer	Brazil, Guyana, Paraguay
<i>Pseudotheraptus wagi</i> Br.	Coreid bug	East Africa, Zanzibar
<i>Rhynchophorus palmarum</i> (Linn.)	Palm weevil	Central and South America, West Indies
<i>Aphelenchoides cocophilus</i> (Cobb) Goodey	Red ring disease	West Indies, Panama, Venezuela
<i>COFFEE (Coffea spp.)</i>		
<i>Antestiopsis</i> spp.	Pentatomid bugs	Africa
<i>Leucoptera coffeella</i> (Guer.) (Le Pelley)	White coffee leaf minor	S. America, West Indies
<i>Planococcus kenyae</i> (Le Pelley)	Mealy bug	East and West Africa, Congo
<i>Omphalia flavida</i> Maubl. et Rangel	American leaf spot	Mexico, USA, West Indies, Central and South America
<i>Trachysphaera fructigena</i> Tabor et Bunting	Trachysphaera fruit rot	Africa

		<i>Known distribution</i>
<i>Gibberella xylaricides</i> (Ste.) Heim et Saccas	Tracheomycosis	Africa
Coffee blister spot virus	Blister spot	Costa Rica
Virus	Mancha mantecosa	Costa Rica
COTTON (<i>Gossypium</i> spp.)		
<i>Anthonomus grandis</i> Boh.	Mexican cotton boll weevil	West Indies, Mexico, Central America, Venezuela, USA
<i>Anthonomus vestitus</i> Boh.	Peruvian cotton boll weevil	Peru
<i>Anthonomus</i> spp.	Boll weevils	New World
<i>Phymatotrichum omnivorum</i> (Shear) Duggar	Texas root rot	Mexico, USA
<i>Sacadodes pyralis</i> Dyar	False pink bollworm	Trinidad, Guyana, Venezuela, Colombia, Costa Rica, Panama, Nicaragua
Cotton leaf curl virus	Leaf curl	Africa
HEVEA RUBBER (<i>Hevea brasiliensis</i>)		
<i>Leptopharsa heveae</i> Drake et Poor	Lace bug	Tropical America, Brazil
<i>Dothidella ulei</i> P. Henn	South American leaf blight	Mexico, Central America, West Indies, South America
<i>Pellicularia filamentosa</i> (Pat.) Rogers	Target leaf spot	Central and South America
MAIZE (<i>Zea mays</i>)		
<i>Distraea</i> spp. esp. <i>D. saccharalis</i> (F.)	Stalk borers	Southern USA, Mexico, West Indies, Central America, South America (certain species occur in the Region)
<i>Sesamia cretica</i> Led.	Durra stem borer	Africa, Mediterranean region
<i>Xanthomonas stewartii</i> (E. F. Smith) Dowson	Bacterial wilt	Canada, Mexico, Puerto Rico, USA, Italy, USSR
OIL PALM (<i>Elaeis guineensis</i>)		
<i>Pachymerus lacerdae</i> (Chevr.)	Kernel borer	West Africa
<i>Pachymerus nucleorum</i> (F.)	Kernel borer	Brazil, Guyana, Paraguay
<i>Pimelephila ghesquierii</i> Tams.	A pyralid	West Africa, Congo
<i>Fusarium oxysporum</i> Schlecht.	Fusarium wilt	West Africa
<i>Cercospora elacidis</i> Stey.	Freckle	West Africa, French Equatorial Africa, Congo
PAPAYA (<i>Carica papaya</i>)		
Papaya bunchy top virus	Bunchy top	USA, West Indies, Ceylon, Tanganyika, India, Sudan
Papaya mosaic virus	Papaya mosaic dieback	Tanganyika
Papaya ring spot virus	Papaya ring spot	Hawaii
Virus	Papaya Waialua disease	Hawaii
POTATO (<i>Solanum tuberosum</i>)		
<i>Leptinotarsa decemlineata</i> Say.	Colorado beetle	North America, Europe
<i>Corynebacterium sepedonicum</i> (Spieck. et Kitth.) Skapt et Burk	Bacterial ring rot	North America, Costa Rica, Venezuela, Europe, India
<i>Synchytrium endobioticum</i> (Schilb) Perc.	Black wart	South Africa, Europe, North America, South America, Japan, India (West Bengal)
<i>Heterodera rostochiensis</i> Wr.	Golden nematode	Europe, USA (Long Island), Algeria, Israel, New Zealand
<i>Oospora pustulans</i> Owen et Wakef.	Skin spot	Canada, Australia, Norway, United Kingdom, Ireland, New Zealand

Known distribution

RICE (*Oryza sativa*)

<i>Diatraea</i> spp.	Stem or stalk borers	Southern USA, Mexico, West Indies, Central America, South America
<i>Ephelis pallida</i> Pat.	Panicle disease	West Africa
Rice dwarf virus	Dwarf	Japan, Philippines
Rice stripe virus	Stripe	Japan
Rice hoja blanca virus	White leaf (Hoja blanca)	West Indies, Central America, South America

SUGAR CANE (*Saccharum* spp.)

<i>Diatraea</i> spp., esp. <i>D. saccharalis</i> (F.)	Stalk borers	Southern USA, Mexico, West Indies, Central America, South America (certain species occur in the Region)
<i>Diaprepes abbreviatus</i> L.	Sugar cane root-stalk borer weevil	West Indies
<i>Xanthomonas albilineans</i> (Ashby) Dow.	Leaf Scald	Malagasy, Mauritius, Taiwan, Reunion, Hawaii, Cambodia, Viet Nam, Java, Philippines, Australia
<i>Xanthomonas vasculorum</i> (Cobb) Dow.	Gumming disease	Australia, South America, Mexico, West Indies, Reunion, Mauritius, Madeira, South Africa, Malagasy, Indonesia
<i>Clemona smithi</i> Arr. Sugar cane ratoon stunting virus	White cane grub Ratoon stunting	Barbados, Trinidad, Mauritius, Australia, Africa, Mexico, West Indies, Hawaii, Fiji, Central America, South America, USA, Philippines, Taiwan

SWEET POTATO (*Ipomoea batatas*)

<i>Eusepeus postfasciatus</i> (Fairm.)	West Indian sweet potato weevil	West Indies, Brazil, Fiji, Tonga
Sweet potato internal cork virus	Internal cork	USA
Sweet potato mosaic virus	Mosaic	East Africa, Congo (reported to occur in Ceylon)
Sweet potato dwarf virus	Dwarf	Ryukyu Islands

TEA (*Thea sinensis*)

<i>Exobasidium reticulatum</i> Virus	Phloem necrosis virus	Japan Ceylon
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TOBACCO (*Nicotiana* spp.)

<i>Epehstia elutella</i> (Ebn.)	Tobacco moth	America, Congo, Mozambique, West Africa
<i>Pseudomonas tabaci</i> (Wolf et Foster) Stevens	Wildfire	North America, Venezuela, Africa, Europe, Japan, China, (Taiwan), Iran, Turkey
<i>Peronospora tabacina</i> Adam	Blue mold	Australia, North America, South America

TOMATO (*Lycopersicum esculentum*)

Tomato spotted wilt virus	Spotted wilt	Africa, Australia, New Zealand, Europe, South America, West Indies, North America, Hawaii, Papua-New Guinea
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TUNG (*Aleurites fordii*)

<i>Septobasidium aleuritidis</i> (Heim et Bour) Virus	Branch canker	Madagascar
	Tung rough bark	USA

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