

EMBASSY OF THE
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No. 477

The Embassy of the United States of America has the honor to refer the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Arab Republic of Egypt to the Agreement Between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Arab Republic of Egypt on Science and Technology Cooperation, signed at Cairo January 29, 2001 (the Agreement).

Considering science and technology cooperation to be an important field in which to strengthen the bilateral relationship between our two countries; and in regards to Article XIV of the Agreement, which provides that "it may be amended or extended for further five-year periods by written agreement of the Parties", the Embassy proposes, on behalf of the Government of the United States of America, that the Agreement be extended for a five-year period as from September 1, 2005.

In addition, the Embassy wishes to inform the Ministry of Foreign Affairs that the limitations concerning research under the Agreement set forth in the United States' side letter of December 11, 2000, are operative only with respect to cooperation which might produce pharmaceuticals.

If the Government of the Arab Republic of Egypt agrees with the proposal set forth above, the Embassy further proposes that this note and the Ministry's affirmative reply to it shall constitute an agreement between our two governments, which shall enter into force on the date of the Ministry's reply.

The Embassy of the United States of America avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Arab Republic of Egypt the assurances of its highest consideration.

Embassy of the United States of America,
Cairo, May 11, 2006.



The Foreign Ministry

The Office of the Assistant Foreign Minister
For International Cultural and Scientific Relations
And Technical Cooperation

Dated: August 27, 2006

Memorandum

The MFA extends its best regards to the U.S. Embassy in Cairo and refers to the Embassy's memorandum No. 447 dated May 11, 2006 regarding the Scientific and Technological Agreement between the Arab Republic of Egypt and the United States of America that was signed in Cairo on March 22, 1995 and extended on January 29, 2001 (to be in effect) as of September 1, 2005 for five years from that date.

Taking into account scientific and technological cooperation as a major field for strengthening bilateral relations between the two countries, and (taking into account) Article 14 of the aforementioned agreement on the possibility of amending or extending it for additional periods of five years each by mutual agreement of the two parties in writing, and (taking into account) the Embassy's suggestion on behalf of the USG to extend the agreement for five additional years as of September 1, 2005, in addition to the Embassy's desire to mention that the restrictions imposed on implementing the aforementioned agreement – with regard to researches by virtue of the side-letter sent by the United States of American dated January 11, 2001 – should apply only to cooperation in the field of pharmaceutical industry,

We would like to notify you that the Embassy's memorandum is acceptable by the Arab Republic of Egypt and, therefore, your aforementioned memorandum and this reply of ours hereof are considered an agreement between our two governments that takes effect on the date of this memorandum.

The MFA seizes this opportunity to express its deepest appreciation and respect for the American Embassy in Cairo.

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