AGREEMENT
BETWEEN
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM
AND
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE KINGDOM OF THAILAND
ON
THE COOPERATION IN NARCOTIC DRUGS, PSYCHOTROPIC SUBSTANCES AND PRECURSOR CHEMICALS CONTROL

The Government of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam and the Government of the Kingdom of Thailand, hereinafter called "The Parties";

Recognizing that illicit drug trafficking could be effectively overcome by means of narcotics control through mutual cooperation between each other;

Realizing the principles enshrined in the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs of 1961, as amended by the 1972 Protocol Amending the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs of 1961, the Convention on Psychotropic Substances of 1971 and the United Nations Convention against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances of 1988;

Wishing to strengthen the existing friendly relations between the two countries;

Have agreed as follows:

ARTICLE I

The Government of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam shall designate the Office of Vietnam National Drugs Control Committee (OVNDCC) to act as the implementing agency for the purpose of this Agreement. The Government of the Kingdom of Thailand shall designate the Office of Narcotics Control Board (ONCB) to act as the implementing agency for the purpose of this Agreement.

The Representatives of the Implementing Agencies shall meet annually in alternative rotation in Thailand and in Vietnam for discussion over the narcotic drugs matters. In case of need, the Representatives may have extra meetings, for which time and place will be discussed and agreed by the two Parties.

ARTICLE II

The Parties shall cooperate, subject to their respective laws and regulations, in the following matters:

1. Drug abuse prevention measures;
2. Law enforcement measures;
3. Narcotics crop control measures;
4. Psychotropic substances and precursor chemicals control measures;
5. Treatment and rehabilitation measures;
6. Implementation of joint technical assistance programs; and
7. Exchange of technical and general information, including information on existing laws and regulations relating to narcotic drugs, psychotropic substances and precursor chemicals control.

ARTICLE III

The travel expenses of the Delegates who are working for the projects under this Agreement will be paid for by their Government.

The local transport, accommodation and meals for delegation during the period of working visit will be taken care of by the Authority of the host Country.

ARTICLE IV

Each Party shall facilitate the entry into and exit from its territory, in accordance with its laws and regulations, of technical personnel and their families as well as equipment used in projects and programs under this Agreement.

ARTICLE V

This Agreement may be supplemented or amended by agreement in writing by the Parties through diplomatic channels.

ARTICLE VI

Any difference or dispute arising out of this Agreement shall be settled amicably through negotiation between the Parties.

ARTICLE VII

This Agreement shall enter into force on the thirtieth day after the date of signature and shall remain in force until terminated by either Party by giving at least three months written notice through diplomatic channels.

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

DONE in duplicate at Bangkok on the 7th day of October in the One thousand Nine hundred and Ninety-eighth Year of the Christian Era in the English language.

FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF THE SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM

(Le The Tiem)
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FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF THE KINGDOM OF THAILAND

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