

**RECORD OF DISCUSSIONS  
ON  
JAPAN-TUNISIA  
TRIANGULAR TECHNICAL COOPERATION PROGRAMME  
FOR  
THE PROMOTION OF SOUTH-SOUTH COOPERATION  
IN  
AFRICA**

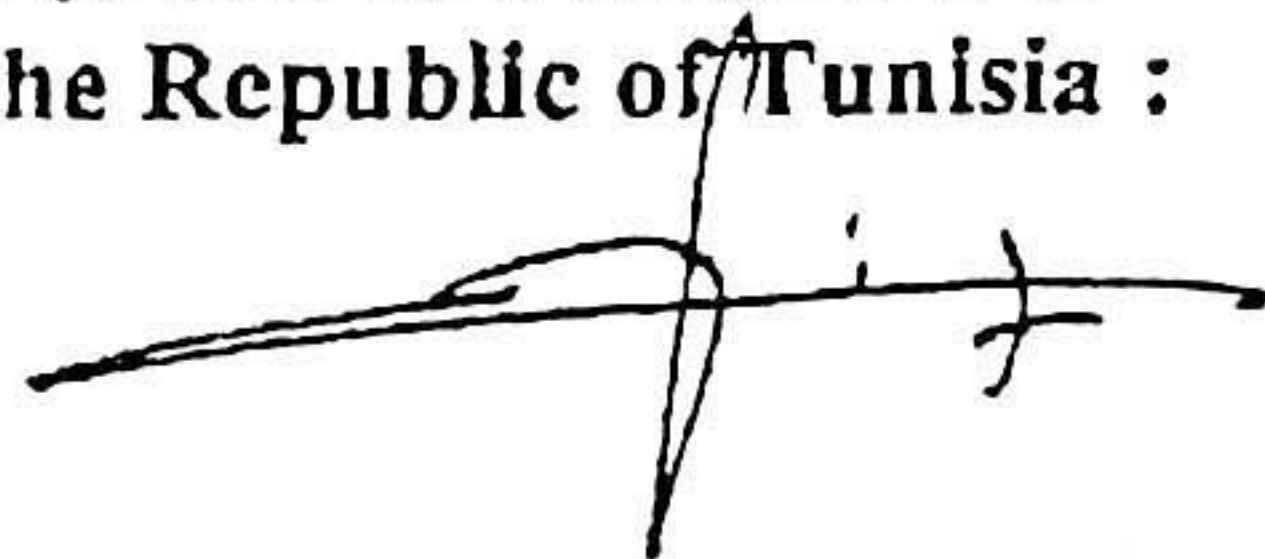
The representatives of the Government of Japan and the Government of the Republic of Tunisia, considering the significance of jointly implementing a technical cooperation programme in supporting social and economic development efforts in the African countries, have shared the common recognition that the Japan-Tunisia Triangular Technical Cooperation Programme for the Promotion of South-South Cooperation in Africa should be implemented by the two Governments as development partners, based on the Record of Discussions attached hereto and in accordance with their respective national laws and regulations.

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## **-1- Purpose**

(1) With a view to playing gradually greater roles as development partners for the African countries and considering their respective development experiences, the Government of Japan and the Government of the Republic of Tunisia will work out a plan regarding the Joint Technical Cooperation Programme (hereinafter referred to as "the Programme") by effectively combining their human, technological and financial resources in order to support social and economic development efforts in the African countries.

(2) In planning the Programme, Japan gives due attention to promoting transfer of appropriate technologies and supporting the Tunisia's south-south cooperation efforts in the African countries, while Tunisia, taking into account its level of economic development, gives due attention to promoting its technical cooperation to the African countries.

(3) Details of the partnership are to be worked out by the two Governments through their respective implementing agencies on a case-by-case basis.

## **-2- Training Programme**

The two Governments, through their respective implementing agencies, will plan and implement, wherever appropriate and possible, joint training programmes, on the basis of cost sharing, for trainees from the African countries, who are to be selected upon consultations between those agencies, through the Third Country Training Programmes (hereinafter referred to as "TCTP") which Japan will implement in Tunisia.

Both Governments intend to share the necessary cost for these training courses and Tunisia will make efforts to increase its share gradually from 15% in Japanese Fiscal Year (JFY) 1999 to 30% in JFY 2004.

## **-3- Dispatch of Experts**

(1) The two Governments, through their respective implementing agencies, will examine the possibility that experts dispatched by them will cooperate closely in implementing technical cooperation projects in the African countries.

(2) The Government of Japan will consider to share, wherever appropriate and possible, a part of the costs of dispatching Tunisian experts/technicians to joint technical cooperation projects in the African countries.



#### **-4- Other Forms of Technical Cooperation**

The two Governments, through their respective implementing agencies, will examine the possibility of other forms of technical cooperation for supporting social and economic development efforts in the African countries.

#### **-5- Planning Committee**

The Government of Japan and the Government of the Republic of Tunisia will establish a Planning Committee composed of officials of both Governments and staff of the above-mentioned implementing agencies of both Governments. The Planning Committee will be assigned to formulate, within the limit of the budgetary appropriations of both countries, an annual work plan of the Programme for every fiscal year, consisting, inter alia, of the specific contents, the duration, and the equitable cost-sharing formulae of the above-mentioned programmes to be implemented jointly by both Governments and other forms of technical cooperation.

The Planning Committee will be convened annually in Japan or in Tunisia by the end of March, to formulate a work plan of the next JFY. The implementation of the Programme on a day-to-day basis will be conducted and supervised by Embassy of Japan in Tunisia and ATCT ( Agency of Technical Cooperation of Tunisia).

-6- The entire framework of the Programmes will be reviewed in the year 2004.