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## Memorandum of Understanding

Between

**Scientific Tobacco Institute – Prilep  
Republic of North Macedonia**

And

**Institute of Plant Genetic Resources "K. Malkov"  
Agricultural Academy – Sofia  
Republic of Bulgaria**

April 2024

On 22.04.2024, this MEMORANDUM is written by and between:

The Scientific Tobacco Institute – Prilep and Institute of Plant Genetic Resources "K. Malkov", Agricultural Academy-Sofia, hereinafter referred to as "the Parties" in plural and "the Party" in the singular.

**The Scientific Tobacco Institute – Prilep**, is a public scientific institution, a member of the University "St. Kliment Ohridski" – Bitola. The Tobacco Institute makes scientific-research investigations, educational, applicative, publishing, productional and other activities in the field of tobacco breeding.

Located at Kicevska nn – Prilep, Republic of North Macedonia, and lawfully represented by prof. d-r Valentina Pelivanoska in her capacity as Director (Hereinafter referred to as "The Tobacco Institute")

**The Institute of Plant Genetic Resources "K. Malkov"**, is National Coordinator of the Programme for Plant Genetic Resources and maintaining in the National Genebank, quarantine and botanical garden plant species according to criteria agreed with FAO. The Institute has implementing of breeding programs for major crops in the country and creation a competitive high-quality variety of different crops.

Located at 2 Drouzhba Str., 4122 Sadovo, Plovdiv, Republic of Bulgaria. Represented by Assoc. prof. Katya Uzundzhaliyeva PhD, in her capacity as Director (Hereinafter referred to as IPGR-Sadovo)

Both parties' mutually desire to enhance relations with each other by support, complement, strengthen and extend cooperation between the parties.

Therefore, they have agreed upon the following

The Scientific Tobacco Institute – Prilep and Institute of Plant Genetic Resources "K. Malkov", Agricultural Academy-Sofia, wishing to establish partnership relations between both institutions through mutual cooperation in the areas of agricultural research, science and education and other related activities in relevant fields, as follows:

#### Part I

### **GENERAL SCOPE OF PARTNERSHIP**

The areas of cooperation include subjects of mutual interest, programmes that both contracting parties believe to contribute in order to develop the cooperative relations between both institutions. The assistance to be provided by both of the parties' is research, mobility of students and staff and other scientific and academic activities beneficial for both institutions.

#### Part II

### **AREAS OF COOPERATION**

Assistance shall be carried out, subject to availability of funds, through such activities or programs as:

- Coordination and implementation of joint research on the agreed topics;
- Exchange and adaptation of plant genetic resources;
- Join experiments on new and improved plant and agricultural technologies;
- Join participation and submission of common projects in the international and national organizations;
- Join reviews and research articles;
- Exchange of scientists, experts and students;
- Join organization of bilateral and international seminars, workshops, conferences and other appropriate events;
- Exchange of methods for experiment establishment;
- Exchange of samples for analyzing;
- Exchange of scientific bibliography.

The contents of such mutual assistance as well as the necessary budget of each program and activity implemented under the term of this activity implemented under the terms of this activity shall be mutually discussed and agreed upon in writing by both contracting parties prior to the initiation of any particular program or activity.

### Part III

### RENEWAL, TERMINATION AND AMENDMENT

This agreement will enter into force on the date of signature and shall remain in force till the execution of the Agreement between the Parties.

The termination of this Agreement shall not affect the implementation of ongoing activities/programs which have been agreed upon prior to the date of the termination of the Agreement. This Agreement may be amended by exchange of letters between both institutions. Such amendments once approved by both institutions, will become part of this Memorandum of Understanding.

On Behalf of

Scientific Tobacco Institute

Prof d-r Valentina Pelivanoska

Director



Prilep, Republic of North Macedonia

On Behalf of

Institute of Plant Genetic Resources

Assoc. Prof. Dr. Katja Uzundzhalieva

Director



Sadovo, Bulgaria