

No. 121

**INTERNATIONAL LABOUR ORGANISATION
and
WORLD HEALTH ORGANISATION**

**Agreement between the International Labour Organisation
and the World Health Organisation**

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International Labour Office. The filing and recording took place on
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**ORGANISATION INTERNATIONALE DU TRAVAIL
et
ORGANISATION MONDIALE DE LA SANTE**

**Accord entre l'Organisation internationale du Travail et
l'Organisation mondiale de la santé**

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Bureau international du Travail. Le classement et l'inscription au répertoire
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No. 121. AGREEMENT¹ BETWEEN THE INTERNATIONAL
LABOUR ORGANISATION AND THE WORLD HEALTH
ORGANISATION

Article I

COOPERATION AND CONSULTATION

The International Labour Organisation and the World Health Organisation agree that, with a view to facilitating the effective attainment of the objectives set forth in their respective Constitutions within the general framework established by the Charter of the United Nations, they will act in close cooperation with each other and will consult each other regularly in regard to matters of common interest.

Article II

RECIPROCAL REPRESENTATION

1. Representatives of the International Labour Organisation shall be invited to attend the meetings of the Executive Board of the World Health Organisation and the World Health Assembly and to participate without vote in the deliberations of each of these bodies and of their commissions and committees with respect to items on their agenda in which the International Labour Organisation has an interest.

2. Representatives of the World Health Organisation shall be invited to attend the meetings of the Governing Body of the International Labour Office and the International Labour Conference and to participate without vote in the deliberations of each of those bodies and of their committees with respect to items on their agenda in which the World Health Organisation has an interest.

3. Appropriate arrangements shall be made by agreement from time to time for the reciprocal representation of the International Labour Organisation and the World Health Organisation at other meetings convened under their respective auspices which consider matters in which the other organisation has an interest.

¹ Came into force on 10 July 1948 in accordance with article XI by virtue of approval by the Governing Body of the International Labour Office and the World Health Assembly.

Article III

I.L.O.-W.H.O. JOINT COMMITTEE

1. The International Labour Organisation and the World Health Organisation may refer to a joint committee any question of common interest which it may appear desirable to refer to such a committee.

2. Any such joint committee shall consist of representatives appointed by each Organisation, the number to be appointed by each being decided by agreement between the two Organisations.

3. The United Nations shall be invited to designate a representative to attend the meetings of any such joint committee; the committee may also invite other specialised agencies to be represented at its meetings as may be found desirable.

4. The reports of any such joint committee shall be communicated to the Director-General of each Organisation for submission to the appropriate body or bodies of the two organisations; a copy of the reports of the committee shall be communicated to the Secretary-General of the United Nations for the information of the Economic and Social Council.

5. Any such joint committee shall regulate its own procedure.

Article IV

EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION AND DOCUMENTS

1. Subject to such arrangements as may be necessary for the safeguarding of confidential material, the fullest and promptest exchange of information and documents shall be made between the International Labour Organisation and the World Health Organisation.

2. The Director-General of the International Labour Office and the Director-General of the World Health Organisation, or their authorised representatives, shall, upon the request of either party, consult with each other regarding the provision by either organisation of such information as may be of interest to the other.

Article V

PERSONNEL ARRANGEMENTS

The International Labour Organisation and the World Health Organisation agree that the measures to be taken by them, within the framework of the

general arrangements for cooperation in regard to staff personnel to be made by the United Nations, will include:

- (a) measures to avoid competition in the recruitment of their personnel; and
- (b) measures to facilitate interchange of personnel on a temporary or permanent basis, in appropriate cases, in order to obtain the maximum benefit from their services, making due provision for the retention of seniority and pension rights.

Article VI

STATISTICAL SERVICES

1. The International Labour Organisation and the World Health Organisation agree to strive, within the framework of the general arrangements for statistical cooperation made by the United Nations, for maximum cooperation with a view to the most efficient use of their technical personnel in their respective collection, analysis, publication, standardisation, improvement and dissemination of statistical information. They recognise the desirability of avoiding duplication in the collection of statistical information whenever it is practicable for either of them to utilise information or materials which the other may have available or may be specially qualified and prepared to collect, and agree to combine their efforts to secure the greatest possible usefulness and utilisation of statistical information and to minimise the burdens placed upon national governments and other organisations from which such information may be collected.

2. The International Labour Organisation and the World Health Organisation agree to keep one another informed of their work in the field of statistics and to consult each other in regard to all statistical projects dealing with matters of common interest.

Article VII

FINANCING OF SPECIAL SERVICES

If compliance with a request for assistance made by either organisation to the other would involve substantial expenditure for the organisation complying with the request, consultation shall take place with a view to determining the most equitable manner of meeting such expenditure.

Article VIII

IMPLEMENTATION OF THE AGREEMENT

1. The Director-General of the International Labour Office and the Director-General of the World Health Organisation may enter into such supplementary arrangements for the implementation of this agreement as may be found desirable in the light of the operating experience of the two organisations.

2. The liaison arrangements provided for in the foregoing articles of this agreement shall apply as far as appropriate to the relations between such branch or regional office as may be established by the two organisations as well as between their central machinery.

Article IX

NOTIFICATIONS TO AND REGISTRATION BY THE UNITED NATIONS

1. In accordance with their respective agreements with the United Nations the International Labour Organisation and the World Health Organisation will inform the Economic and Social Council forthwith of the terms of the present agreement.

2. On the coming into force of the present agreement in accordance with the provisions of Article XI it will be communicated to the Secretary-General of the United Nations for filing and recording in pursuance of Article 10 of the Regulations to give effect to Article 102 of the Charter of the United Nations adopted by the General Assembly of the United Nations on 14 December 1946.

Article X

REVISION AND TERMINATION

1. This agreement shall be subject to revision by agreement between the International Labour Organisation and the World Health Organisation and shall be reviewed in any case not later than three years after the agreement has come into force.

2. If agreement on the subject of revision cannot be reached, the agreement may be terminated by either party on 31 December of any year by notice given to the other party not later than 30 September of that year.

Article XI

ENTRY INTO FORCE

This agreement shall come into force on its approval by the Governing Body of the International Labour Office and the World Health Assembly.