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The Government of the United Arab Republic (hereinafter called "the Government") and the United Nations,

Desiring to promote demographic research on a regional basis and training of personnel in demographic techniques, and in particular to establish in Cairo, a regional centre for demographic research and training to provide facilities in these fields for the United Arab Republic and other interested countries,

Have agreed as follows :

Article I

ESTABLISHMENT, OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES OF THE REGIONAL CENTRE FOR DEMOGRAPHIC RESEARCH AND TRAINING

1. A Regional Centre for Demographic Research and Training (hereinafter called "the Centre") shall be established in Cairo under the joint auspices of the Government and the United Nations, in accordance with the terms of this agreement and the arrangements which the Government and the United Nations may take to implement it.

2. The objectives and activities of the Centre shall be :

- (a) To serve as a research and training centre in the field of demography for the following states of Africa (hereinafter called "the sub-region") : Algeria, Libya, Morocco, Sudan, Tunisia and the United Arab Republic :
- (b) To conduct research in Arabic, English or French on population trends and their relation to social and economic factors, at the request of the Governments of countries of the sub-region, taking into account the results of recent population censuses and other data ;
- (c) To provide short-term courses of intensive classroom training in demography and related fields, in the Arabic language, and if necessary in English, and on-the-job

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training, in Arabic, English and/or French, in connexion with the research programme of the Centre.

3. The training facilities of the Centre shall be available to :

- (a) Trainees from countries of the sub-region other than the United Arab Republic and of Arab countries in the Middle East who may be granted fellowships for training at the Centre by the United Nations upon the request of their Governments, in accordance with the terms of Article VI below ;
- (b) Nationals of the United Arab Republic who may be selected as trainees by the Government, up to a maximum of three during each academic year for on-the-job training and a maximum number for short-term classroom training courses which shall be determined by mutual agreement between the Government and the United Nations ;
- (c) Trainees of the African Institute for Economic Development, up to a maximum number to be determined by mutual agreement between the Government and the United Nations.

4. The training curriculum as well as any policy regarding entrance tests and final examinations shall be determined by mutual agreement between the United Nations and the Government, with a view to ensuring wide recognition of certificates awarded by the Centre.

5. The Centre shall have a juridical personality independent of that of the Parties, and shall not be considered as forming part of either the United Nations or the Government.

6. Co-operative relationships shall be established with agencies of the Government, and academic and research institutions within the United Arab Republic, in the interest of the research and training programmes of the Centre.

7. The Centre shall co-operate with the African Institute for Economic Development and Planning to be established at Dakar and with its sub-regional offices, in particular by exchanging personnel, by undertaking, on behalf of the Institute, demographic studies relevant to the economic and social development of countries of the sub-region, and by providing demographic training facilities for trainees of the Institute.

Article II

THE GOVERNING BODY

1. A Governing Body shall be entrusted with the responsibility for the research and training programmes of the Centre and the related administrative requirements for the proper functioning of the Centre. The Governing Body shall consist of six

members. Four members shall be designated by the Government. The remaining shall be a representative of the Secretary-General of the United Nations (to be designated by the Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Africa), the Director of the Centre (referred to in Article IV below), who shall act as member-secretary of the Governing Body.

2. One of the members of the Governing Body, other than the representative of the Secretary-General of the United Nations and the Director of the Centre, shall be appointed by the Government as Chairman of the Governing Body.

3. The Governing Body shall convene as often as is necessary but not less than twice each year.

4. The Governing Body shall draw up internal regulations including delegation of part of its authority to the Director as it finds necessary for the expedient administration of the Centre.

Article III

THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

1. An Advisory Committee (hereinafter called "the Committee"), shall be formed consisting of the following members: The Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Africa, or his designee; a representative of the International Union for the Scientific Study of Population; an expert designated by the Government of the United Arab Republic; one expert from each of three states in the sub-region (other than the United Arab Republic), on a rotation basis, to be designated by the Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Africa, subject to the approval of the Governments concerned. The Director of the Centre shall serve as secretary of the Committee without a vote. The Committee shall elect its Chairman.

2. The Committee shall be convened once every two years and shall review the research and training programmes of the Centre and make such recommendations to the United Nations and the Government as will give expression to regional interests in the development of these programmes.

Article IV

THE DIRECTOR

1. The United Nations, in consultation with the Government, shall appoint a Director of the Centre.

2. The functions of the Director of the Centre shall be:

(a) To plan, organize and direct the research and training programmes and the administration of the Centre under the general supervision and with the support of the Governing Body, it being understood that staff appointed by the Director

shall not be regarded as United Nations personnel nor payments which might be authorized by him under this Agreement shall result in any way in financial liability for the United Nations beyond that authorized under Article V, paragraph 3 of this Agreement ;

- (b) To maintain such contacts with the interested Governments, the United Nations and its Specialized Agencies, as may be necessary for carrying out effectively the programmes of the Centre ;
- (c) To maintain co-operative relations with agencies and institutions within the United Arab Republic as specified in Article I above ;
- (d) To travel within the sub-region as necessary for the development and operation of the programmes of the Centre ;
- (e) To prepare an annual report on the progress of research and training activities of the Centre for presentation to the Governing Body. The report of the Director, or excerpts therefrom, may be circulated among the Governments of countries in the sub-region, provided that such action is mutually agreed upon by the United Nations and the Government ;
- (f) He shall maintain liaison, by correspondence or otherwise, with the appropriate offices of the Economic Commission for Africa, and otherwise keep the United Nations informed of the activities of the Centre.

3. The Director shall assist the Advisory Committee by acting as the Committee's Secretary as provided in Article III above, and shall service its meetings and maintain its records. In conformity with the provisions of Article II above, the Director shall also serve as member and secretary of the Governing Body.

4. The Director shall, in the event of his absence or illness, delegate his authority in substantive and administrative functions, to a Senior Member of the staff of the Centre. Such delegation of the Director's authority shall be subject to approval by the Governing Body.

Article V

CO-OPERATION OF THE UNITED NATIONS

1. Subject to the availability of funds and in accordance with the resolutions and decisions of its organs, the United Nations shall provide the following technical assistance during the years 1963 to 1967 inclusive :

- (a) The services of the Director of the Centre beginning as soon as possible after 31 December 1962 ;
- (b) The services of one demographer, in addition to the Director, beginning as early as possible after 1 March 1963 ;
- (c) Fellowships, beginning with the academic year 1963/1964, for a maximum of ten trainees during each academic year from countries within the sub-region other

than the United Arab Republic and a maximum of three trainees during each year from Arab States of the Middle East. Such fellowships shall be awarded, in accordance with the applicable United Nations regulations, to trainees whose Governments shall request fellowships for training at the Centre. These fellowships shall include part or all of the expenses of travel from the trainee's place of residence to the Centre and return, as well as monthly stipends ;

- (d) Travel of members of the Advisory Committee, other than the expert member to be designated by the Government of the United Arab Republic, to attend the meetings of the Committee ;
- (e) Travel within the sub-region of experts assigned to the Centre, in connexion with the research and training programmes as may be approved by the United Nations ;
- (f) Consultants' fees, technical books, journals, teaching material, equipment, and provisions for field studies and miscellaneous contractual services as approved by the United Nations.

2. The United Nations shall also utilize for the benefit of the Centre funds contributed for this purpose by public and private organizations.

3. The Chief of the Division of Administration of the Economic Commission for Africa, with the assistance of the Director of the Centre and of the Office of the United Nations Technical Assistance Board in Cairo, shall be authorized to operate the funds put annually at the disposal of the Centre by the United Nations for local expenses as may be payable under this Agreement. Accountability shall be in accordance with the rules and regulations of the United Nations.

Article VI

CO-OPERATION OF THE GOVERNMENT

1. The Government undertakes to provide :

- (a) Necessary premises for the adequate functioning of the Centre, including offices for the research, teaching and administrative staff, classrooms as appropriate, space for library and storage of equipment and supplies ;
- (b) Furniture, office equipment and supplies, including utilities required for the physical maintenance and safety of the premises ;
- (c) Housing accommodation for United Nations fellowshipholders from outside the United Arab Republic and such facilities for their transportation within the

United Arab Republic as may be required in connexion with field trips undertaken as part of the training programme of the Centre ;

- (d) Such medical, housing and transport facilities for United Nations officials assigned to the Centre as may be available to the other technical assistance experts of the United Nations in the United Arab Republic ;
- (e) The services of one full-time demographer beginning as soon as possible after 31 December 1962, and of two additional demographers on a full-time basis to begin with the academic year 1963/1964 ;
- (f) Part-time services of experts of the staff of interested agencies of the Government and the University of Cairo, to the extent required in connexion with the short-term courses of classroom training mentioned in Article I above, or with programmes of the Centre ;
- (g) Any stipends and travel which may be required for nationals of the United Arab Republic who may be selected as trainees at the Centre in accordance with the provisions of Article I above ;
- (h) Funds for the hiring of necessary clerical staff to assist the Director and the research and teaching staff of the Centre.

2. The Government shall be responsible for dealing with any claims which may be brought by third parties residing within its territory against the United Nations or its personnel, and shall hold the United Nations and its personnel harmless in case of any such claims or liabilities resulting from operations under this Agreement, except where it is agreed by the Parties that such claims or liabilities arise from gross negligence or the willful misconduct of such personnel.

Article VII

FACILITIES, PRIVILEGES AND IMMUNITIES

1. Officials of the United Nations performing functions in connexion with the Centre shall enjoy the privileges and immunities provided under Articles V and VII of the Convention on Privileges and Immunities of the United Nations,¹ and the members of the Governing Body and of the Advisory Committee designated by the Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Africa who are not otherwise officials of the Organization shall enjoy the privileges and immunities under Article VI of the Convention.

2. Without prejudice to the foregoing provision, the Government undertakes to accord all members of the Governing Body and of the Advisory Committee such facilities and courtesies as are necessary for the exercise of their functions in connexion with the Centre.

¹ See footnote 1, p. 31 of this volume.

3. All holders of United Nations fellowships at the Centre who are not nationals of the United Arab Republic shall have right of entry into and exit from the United Arab Republic, and of sojourn there for the period necessary for their training. They shall be granted facilities for speedy travel ; visas, where required, shall be granted promptly and free of charge.

Article VIII

GENERAL PROVISIONS

1. This Agreement shall provisionally enter into force upon signature and finally after completion of necessary constitutional arrangements by the United Arab Republic.

2. This Agreement may be modified by agreement between the Parties, and each party shall give full and sympathetic consideration to any request for such modifications.

3. This Agreement shall remain in force up to 31 December 1967. During 1967, the question of continuing co-operation in the Centre shall be examined by mutual consultations between the United Nations and the Government.

4. This Agreement may be terminated by either Party upon written notice to the other Party and shall terminate 90 days after receipt of such a notice providing, however, that if such notification is received in the month preceding the opening date for training courses, or during the training courses, this Agreement shall not be terminated before the training courses are completed.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the undersigned, duly authorized representatives of the United Nations and of the Government of the United Arab Republic sign this Agreement.

SIGNED in New York on the 8 February 1963.

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