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**WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION
and
ORGANIZATION OF AFRICAN UNITY**

**Agreement. Signed at Geneva on 1 September 1969 and at
Addis Ababa on 24 September 1969**

Authentic texts: English and French.

*Filed and recorded at the request of the World Health Organization on 4 November
1969.*

**ORGANISATION MONDIALE DE LA SANTÉ
et
ORGANISATION DE L'UNITÉ AFRICAINE**

**Accord. Signé à Genève le 1^{er} septembre 1969 et à Addis-Abéba
le 24 septembre 1969**

Textes authentiques: anglais et français.

*Classé et inscrit au répertoire à la demande de l'Organisation mondiale de la santé
le 4 novembre 1969.*

AGREEMENT¹ BETWEEN THE WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION AND THE ORGANIZATION OF AFRICAN UNITY

The World Health Organization and
The Organization of African Unity,

Considering that the objective of the World Health Organization (hereinafter referred to as "WHO") is the attainment by all peoples of the highest possible level of health and that in order to achieve this objective WHO acts as the directing and co-ordination authority on international health work;

Considering that one of the purposes of the Organization of African Unity (hereinafter referred to as "OAU") is, as set out in its Charter,² to promote the unity and solidarity of the African States and to intensify their co-operation and efforts to achieve a better life for the peoples of Africa, and to these ends to undertake among other things to co-ordinate and harmonize the general policies of its Member States in the fields of health and sanitation;

Considering that under Article XX of the Charter of OAU specialized commissions have been set up to ensure such co-operation;

Considering that OAU is called upon to undertake certain tasks of a regional nature, in harmony with those pursued on a world wide scale by WHO;

Considering the regional arrangements made by WHO as set forth in Chapter XI of its Constitution, and in particular Article 50 (*d*) thereof;

Considering Article 70 of the Constitution of WHO and Article II of the Charter of OAU and in confirmation of the already existing co-operation between the two Organizations;

Have agreed as follows :

Article I

CO-OPERATION

WHO and OAU agree to co-operate in all matters that arise in the field of health and are connected with those tasks and activities of the two Organizations that are in harmony.

¹ Came into force on 24 September 1969 by signature, in accordance with article VII.

² United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 479, p. 39.

Article II

EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION

1. WHO and OAU agree to exchange publications and documents relating to activities on subjects of common interest, subject to any measures which might be necessary to safeguard the confidential nature of certain documents.
2. This exchange shall be supplemented, as necessary, by periodical contacts between members of the secretariats of the two Organizations for the purpose of consultation as regards projects or activities of common interest. In addition, each Organization shall make available to the other any statistical and legislative information in its possession on subjects of common interest.

Article III

RECIPROCAL REPRESENTATION

1. Representatives of WHO shall be invited to attend sessions of the Specialized Commissions and Technical Conferences or Meetings of the OAU at which matters of interest to WHO are to be discussed. These representatives shall participate, without vote, in the deliberations of these bodies with respect to items on their agendas in which WHO has an interest.
2. Representatives of OAU shall be invited to attend the meetings of the World Health Assembly and its Committees, the Executive Board and the Regional Committees concerned and to participate, without vote, in the deliberations of these bodies with respect to items on their agendas in which OAU has an interest.

Article IV

JOINT ACTION

WHO and OAU will afford, each to the other, any technical co-operation which may be asked for the purpose of studying questions of common interest. If any such technical co-operation would involve substantial expenditure, consultation will take place with a view to determining the most equitable manner of meeting such expenditure.

*Article V*ASSISTANCE IN TECHNICAL, RESEARCH AND OTHER
RELEVANT FIELDS

A request for technical assistance or aid made jointly by two or more Members to either Organization may, if the Members concerned so request, be the subject of consultations between the two Organizations.

Article VI

IMPLEMENTATION, REVISION AND DENUNCIATION

1. In all matters concerning the implementation of this agreement, WHO shall be represented by its Headquarters or by its competent Regional Office and OAU shall be represented by its Administrative Secretary-General or his duly authorized nominee.
2. The terms of this agreement may be modified with the consent of both parties.
3. Either party may denounce the agreement by giving one year's notice in writing to the other party.

Article VII

ENTRY INTO FORCE

This agreement, after approval by the World Health Assembly and the Council of Ministers of OAU, shall enter into force on the date on which it is signed by the appointed representatives of WHO and OAU.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the two representatives whose names are stated below have signed this agreement at the dates indicated below their signature.

This agreement has been written in duplicate in the English and French languages, the texts in both languages being equally authentic.

For the World Health Organization :

M. G. CANDAU
Director-General
1st September 1969

For the Organization
of African Unity :

Dialo TELLI
Secretary-General
24 September 1969