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**INTER-GOVERNMENTAL MARITIME
CONSULTATIVE ORGANIZATION
and
ORGANIZATION OF AFRICAN UNITY**

**Co-operation Agreement. Signed at Addis Ababa on 21
February 1974**

Authentic text: English.

*Filed and recorded at the request of the Inter-Governmental Maritime Consultative
Organization on 19 April 1974.*

**ORGANISATION INTERGOUVERNEMENTALE
CONSULTATIVE DE LA NAVIGATION MARITIME
et
ORGANISATION DE L'UNITÉ AFRICAINE**

**Accord de coopération. Signé à Addis-Abeba le 21 février
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CO-OPERATION AGREEMENT¹ BETWEEN THE INTER-GOVERNMENTAL MARITIME CONSULTATIVE ORGANIZATION AND THE ORGANIZATION OF AFRICAN UNITY

Whereas the Inter-Governmental Maritime Consultative Organization (hereinafter referred to as “IMCO”) is recognized as the agency responsible under the auspices of the United Nations, for international activities concerned with the provision of machinery for co-operation among Governments in the field of governmental regulations and practices relating to technical matters of all kinds affecting shipping engaged in international trade, the encouraging of the general adoption of the highest practicable standards in matters concerning maritime safety and efficiency of navigation and the removal of discriminatory action and unnecessary restrictions by Governments affecting shipping engaged in international trade so as to promote the availability of shipping services to the commerce of the world without discrimination;

Whereas the Organization of African Unity (hereinafter referred to as “the OAU”) was established with the purpose, among others, of co-ordinating and promoting co-operation in economic matters, including transport and communications in Africa, as part of the efforts undertaken to strengthen unity among the Governments of Africa and to achieve a better life for the peoples of Africa;

Whereas the Assembly of IMCO has approved the conclusion of an agreement establishing close collaboration between IMCO and the OAU;

Whereas the Council of Ministers of the OAU has also approved the conclusion of an agreement of co-operation and collaboration between the OAU and IMCO;

Now therefore IMCO and the OAU have decided to conclude an Agreement for co-operation and have agreed as follows:

Article I. CO-OPERATION AND CONSULTATION

1. With a view to facilitating attainment of the objectives of IMCO as set forth in its Convention and the objectives of the OAU as set forth in its Charter,² IMCO and the OAU agree to maintain close co-operation and to consult regularly in regard to matters of common interest in the field of maritime transport in Africa and the development and use of shipping in international trade.

2. Accordingly, when either organization proposes to initiate a programme or activity on a subject in which the other organization has or may have a substantial interest, it shall consult the latter organization with a view to harmonizing their efforts as far as possible, taking into account their world-wide and continental responsibilities respectively.

Article II. RECIPROCAL REPRESENTATION

1. Representatives of IMCO shall be invited to attend the sessions of the Economic and Social Commission as well as other relevant commissions and institutions of the

¹ Came into force on 21 February 1974 by signature, in accordance with article XI.

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

OAU and, as appropriate, to participate without vote in the deliberations of such commissions or institutions with regard to items on the agenda which are of interest to IMCO.

2. Representatives of the OAU shall be invited to attend the sessions of the main organs of IMCO, namely the Assembly, the Council, the Maritime Safety Committee and, when necessary, the subsidiary bodies of these organs and, as appropriate, to participate without vote in the deliberation of these bodies with regard to items on the agenda which are of interest to the OAU.

3. IMCO and the OAU shall make all necessary arrangements to facilitate reciprocal representation of IMCO and the OAU at other meetings convened under their respective auspices to consider matters of common interest.

Article III. EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION AND DOCUMENTS

1. Subject to such arrangements as may be necessary for safeguarding confidential information, IMCO and the OAU shall keep each other fully informed concerning all projected activities and all programmes of work which may be of interest to both organizations.

2. With a view to ensuring maximum co-operation in the statistical and legislative field and minimizing the burdens placed on national Governments and other organizations from which such information may be collected, IMCO and the OAU undertake to avoid duplication between them with respect to the collection, compilation and publication of statistical and legislative information and to consult each other on the most efficient use of information, resources and technical personnel in the statistical and legislative field.

3. IMCO and the OAU recognize that it will sometimes be necessary to apply certain restrictions for the purpose of safeguarding confidential information furnished to them. It is therefore agreed that nothing in this Agreement shall be construed as requiring either of them to furnish information, the dissemination of which would, in the judgement of the party possessing the information, betray the confidence of any of its Members, or of anyone from whom it has received such information, or interfere with the orderly conduct of its operations.

4. IMCO and the OAU shall, at the request of either organization, arrange for consultations regarding the provision by either organization of any specific information that may be of interest to the other.

Article IV. CO-OPERATION BETWEEN SECRETARIATS

The Secretariat of IMCO and the Secretariat of the OAU shall maintain a close working relationship on matters of common interest in accordance with such arrangements as may have been agreed upon from time to time.

Article V. ADMINISTRATION AND TECHNICAL CO-OPERATION

1. IMCO and the OAU agree to consult each other, where appropriate, regarding the use of personnel, materials, services, equipment, facilities or joint undertakings of either organization in fields of common interest.

2. IMCO and the OAU may make appropriate arrangements for co-operation in the use of training and research facilities and joint undertakings available to either organization for these purposes.

Article VI. FINANCING OF SPECIAL SERVICES

Where any assistance which is requested by either organization from the other under the terms of this Agreement involves substantial expenditure, consultation shall take place with a view to determining the most equitable manner of meeting such expenditure.

Article VII. IMPLEMENTATION OF THE AGREEMENT

The Secretary-General of IMCO and the Administrative Secretary-General of the OAU may enter into such administrative arrangements for the implementation of this Agreement as may be found desirable in the light of the experience of the two organizations.

Article VIII. NOTIFICATION TO THE UNITED NATIONS
AND FILING AND RECORDING

1. In accordance with its Relationship Agreement¹ with the United Nations, IMCO will inform the United Nations forthwith of the term of this Agreement.
2. On the coming into force of this 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.

Article IX. REVISION OF THE AGREEMENT

This Agreement shall be subject to revision by agreement between IMCO and the OAU.

Article X. DENUNCIATION OF THE AGREEMENT

IMCO or the OAU may denounce this Agreement by giving six months' notice to the other party.

Article XI. ENTRY INTO FORCE

This Agreement shall come into force upon its signature by the Secretary-General of IMCO and the Administrative Secretary-General of the OAU.

DONE at Addis Ababa on this twenty-first day of February nineteen hundred seventy-four.

Administrative Secretary-General
for Organization of African Unity:

[Signed—Signé]²

Secretary-General
For Inter-Governmental Maritime
Consultative Organization:

[Signed—Signé]³

¹ United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 324, p. 274.

² Signed by Nzo Ekangaki—Signé par Nzo Ekangaki.

³ Signed by C. P. Srivastava—Signé par C. P. Srivastava.