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**UNITED NATIONS
and
EGYPT**

Agreement relating to the continuation and further extension of the Interregional Centre for Demographic Research and Training established at Cairo by the Agreement between the above Parties, signed in New York on 8 February 1963, in Cairo on 14 November 1968 and in New York on 22 June 1972. Signed at Cairo on 6 November 1976

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**ORGANISATION DES NATIONS UNIES
et
ÉGYPTE**

Accord concernant la poursuite et l'expansion des activités du Centre interrégional de formation et de recherche démographiques, créé au Caire par l'Accord conclu entre les Parties susmentionnées et signé à New York le 8 février 1963, au Caire le 14 novembre 1968 et à New York le 22 juin 1972. Signé au Caire le 6 novembre 1976

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AGREEMENT¹ BETWEEN THE UNITED NATIONS AND THE ARAB REPUBLIC OF EGYPT RELATING TO THE CONTINUATION AND FURTHER EXTENSION OF THE INTERREGIONAL CENTRE FOR DEMOGRAPHIC RESEARCH AND TRAINING ESTABLISHED AT CAIRO BY THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE ABOVE PARTIES, SIGNED IN NEW YORK ON 8 FEBRUARY 1963,² IN CAIRO ON 14 NOVEMBER 1968³ AND IN NEW YORK ON 22 JUNE 1972⁴

The Government of the Arab Republic of Egypt (hereinafter called “the Government”) and the United Nations,

Desiring to promote and strengthen demographic research and training of personnel in demography and related fields and, in particular, to widen the scope and functions of the Interregional Centre for Demographic Research and Training at Cairo (hereinafter called “the Centre”), and to make it serve as a link in the total United Nations population programme,

Have agreed as follows:

Article I. OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES OF THE CENTRE

1. The Centre, established in Cairo under the joint auspices of the United Nations and the Government and known as the “Cairo Demographic Centre”, shall continue to seek to serve the interested countries in Africa as well as Arabic-speaking countries outside Africa.

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

- a. to serve as a research and training centre in demography and related fields for countries referred to in paragraph 1 above who may wish to avail themselves of its services;
- b. to conduct, guide and, in consultation with the United Nations, publish basic as well as applied research in English and Arabic on population trends and their relation to social and economic factors, taking account of the results of recent population censuses and other data, as well as to undertake and publish, in consultation with the United Nations, the results of field research work within the countries referred to in paragraph 1 above, at the request of or by agreement with the Governments concerned;
- c. to provide courses of intensive class-room training or guided research for one or more academic year for diplomas as well as courses and guided research for higher degrees in demography and related fields in the English and Arabic languages. The Centre may also provide *ad hoc* courses, in-service training and special courses in English or Arabic;
- d. to provide informational or advisory services in demography and related fields to interested Governments among those served by the Centre upon their request and in coordination with other advisory services of the United Nations.

¹ Came into force provisionally on 6 November 1976 by signature, in accordance with article VIII (1).

² United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 453, p. 79.

³ *Ibid.*, vol. 654, p. 341.

⁴ *Ibid.*, vol. 832, p. 203.

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

- a. trainees from countries referred to in paragraph 1 as well as from the Arab Republic of Egypt, who may be granted fellowships for training or research work at the Centre by the United Nations in accordance with the terms of article V below, or by the Government or national or international institutions under special arrangements approved by the Centre and the Government concerned;
- b. nationals of the Arab Republic of Egypt, who may, in addition to those mentioned in 3(a) above, be selected as trainees by the Government up to a maximum number to be determined by mutual agreement between the United Nations and the Government within the maximum possibilities of the Centre for training and research during each academic year;
- c. research workers including those registered for higher degree work at the Centre or at universities or other institutions in the countries covered by the Centre up to a maximum number to be determined by the Centre and with the consent of the United Nations and the Government.

4. The Centre shall decide, through its Governing Council mentioned in article II below, the minimum educational standard required for enrolment in its training or research programmes. Upon recommendation from the Governing Council, the training and research curriculum, as well as the policy regarding entrance tests of enrolment and final examination, shall be determined by mutual agreement between the United Nations and the Government, with a view to ensuring the recognition of diplomas or degrees 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, as well as with universities and academic and research institutions in the countries covered by the Centre, as well as with the specialized agencies of the United Nations, in the interest of research, training and advisory programmes of the Centre.

Article II. THE GOVERNING COUNCIL

1. A Governing Council shall be entrusted with the responsibility for the overall establishment and evaluation of the research, training and advisory programmes of the Centre and for the related requirements for the proper functioning of the Centre.

2. The Governing Council shall consist of six members designated as follows:

- three members appointed by the Government of whom one shall be designated by the Government as the Chairman of the Governing Council;
- three members appointed by the United Nations of whom one shall be designated as representative of the Secretary-General of the United Nations and another shall be the Director of the Centre (referred to in article IV below).

3. The Governing Council shall convene as often as necessary but not less than once each year.

4. The Governing Council shall approve internal regulations including delegation of part of its authority to the Director as it finds necessary for the expedient functioning 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;
- the Director of the United Nations Economic and Social Office in Beirut or his designee;
- the Director of the Population Division of the United Nations or his designee;
- up to three experts designated by the Government;
- the Director of the Centre;
- three experts from three States covered by the Centre (other than the Arab Republic of Egypt) to be chosen by rotation (as far as possible) by the United Nations in consultation with the Governments concerned;
- a representative of the International Union for the Scientific Study of Population;
- two representatives to be designated by the United Nations from interested specialized agencies and non-governmental organizations working in the countries covered by the Centre;
- a representative selected by the senior faculty of the Centre.

2. The Committee shall convene once every two years and shall elect its Chairman for the session.

3. The Committee shall act as a programme and evaluation organ for the Centre. It shall review the research and training programmes of the Centre and make such recommendations to the Governing Council as would give expression to the interest of the countries covered by the Centre in the development of these programmes and, more particularly, to the coordination of national and international interests in the Centre's programmes of research.

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, training, advisory programmes and activities of the Centre;
- b.* to assume responsibility for the administration of the Centre in accordance with the general policy drawn up by the Governing Council and with its support and under its general supervision;
- c.* 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;
- d.* to maintain cooperative relations with agencies and institutions (as outlined in article I above);
- e.* to appoint technical assistants, as well as administrative and clerical staff needed for the Centre, it being understood that this staff shall not be regarded as United Nations personnel and that payments made to them shall not result in any way in financial liabilities for the United Nations beyond that authorized under article V, paragraph 3, of this Agreement;
- f.* to travel to the countries covered by the Centre or to the United Nations Headquarters, as necessary, for the development and good operation and effec-

tiveness of the programmes of the Centre. He shall also consult with Governments concerned with respect to the appropriate employment of past trainees in their national services;

- g. to prepare annual reports on the progress of research, training and advisory activities of the Centre for presentation to the Governing Council. The report of the Director, or excerpts therefrom, may be circulated among the Governments of countries covered by the Centre, provided that such action is mutually agreed upon by the United Nations and the Government;
- h. to represent the Centre and act on its behalf in dealings with other bodies, institutions or individuals.

3. The Director shall maintain liaison, by correspondence or otherwise, with the appropriate offices of the United Nations, and otherwise keep the United Nations informed of the activities of the Centre and suggest ways and means of improving its effectiveness within the total population and development programmes of the United Nations.

4. The Director shall assist the Governing Council and the Advisory Committee by acting as provided in article III above. He shall service the meetings and maintain their records. He will also be responsible for the implementation of decisions taken by the Governing Council and for the circulation of recommendations of the Advisory Committee.

5. 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 shall be made in consultation with the Chairman of the Governing Council.

Article V. CO-OPERATION OF THE UNITED NATIONS

1. In accordance with the resolutions and decisions of its organs, and within the funds available from its own resources as well as from extra-budgetary allocations, the United Nations shall provide the following technical assistance, until the end of December 1982:

- a. the services of the Director of the Centre;
- b. the services of up to 5 experts and up to 4 short-term consultants for 12 man-months of services annually;
- c. annual fellowships, for up to 34 trainees from countries served by the Centre other than the Arab Republic of Egypt and up to 15 local fellowships from the Arab Republic of Egypt. Such fellowships will 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 expenses of initial travel from the trainee's place of residence to the Centre and return, as well as monthly stipends;
- d. consultation fees or honoraria, expenses of secretarial work and translation in connexion with field research, individual research and supervision of research within the countries served by the Centre;
- e. books (for the Centre's library and trainees), periodicals, journals, teaching materials, technical apparatus and equipment, provisions and supplies for office and field studies, printing and publishing of monographs and results of research, as well as miscellaneous contractual services, as may be approved by the United Nations;

- f.* travel within the region of the Director and other experts assigned to the Centre, in connexion with the research and training programmes as may be approved by the United Nations;
- g.* travel of members of the Governing Council and the Advisory Committee, related to the activities of the Centre, as may be approved by the United Nations;
- h.* means of transportation, other than those mentioned in article VI, paragraph 1 (*f*), below, as may be necessary for the good functioning of the Centre and for the implementation of its programmes.

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

3. For purposes of expediency, the United Nations may delegate part or all of its authority to operate the funds placed annually at the disposal of the Centre by the United Nations to the Office of the U.N.D.P. in Cairo or to the Director of the Centre. Accountability shall be in accordance with the rules and regulations of the United Nations.

Article VI. CO-OPERATION OF THE GOVERNMENT

1. The Government shall provide the following:

- a.* the services of three full-time members of staff (demographers) and from four to six assistants for research;
- b.* part-time services of experts on the staff of the universities in the Arab Republic of Egypt and of interested agencies of the Government to the extent required in connexion with the programmes of the Centre;
- c.* facilities to carry out field training and research as may be arranged between the Centre and the Government;
- d.* necessary premises for the adequate functioning of the Centre, including offices for the research, training and administrative staff, class-rooms and appropriate places for library and storage of equipment and supplies;
- e.* furniture, office equipment and supplies for both the Centre and its hostels, including utilities required for or expenses incurred in fittings and physical maintenance and safety of the premises;
- f.* transportation facilities, telephone, telegraph and postal services as may be required for the good functioning and administration of the Centre;
- g.* housing accommodation for United Nations fellows from outside the Arab Republic of Egypt and such facilities for the transportation of staff and trainees within the Arab Republic of Egypt as may be required in connexion with field trips for training and research undertaken as part of the programme of the Centre;
- h.* such medical, housing and transport facilities for United Nations officials assigned to the Centre as may be available to technical assistance officials of the United Nations within the Arab Republic of Egypt;
- i.* monthly stipends, travel, books or other allowances which may be required for nationals of the Arab Republic of Egypt, other than those covered in article V, 1 (*c*), above, who may be selected as trainees or research workers, or assistants, at the Centre in accordance with the provisions of article I above;
- j.* funds for the hiring of necessary scientific, technical, administrative or clerical staff to assist the Director and the research and teaching staff of the Centre.

2. By accord between the Government and the Centre, the Government shall pay a gross contribution as its share in the expenses of the Centre, covering items of its co-operation as outlined in the above paragraph.

3. It shall be the responsibility of the Government to deal with any claims which may be brought by third parties residing within its territory against the United Nations and its personnel, and shall hold the United Nations or 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 wilful misconduct of such personnel.

Article VII. FACILITIES, PRIVILEGES AND IMMUNITIES

1. Scientific apparatus, equipment and educational materials, articles and provisions (such as calculating machines, books, films, etc.) procured for the Centre shall be imported without restrictions or prohibitions and shall be exempt from customs duties and other duties or taxes. It is understood, however, that such articles and goods shall not be sold or traded in the Arab Republic of Egypt, except under conditions agreed to with the Government.

2. 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 Council and of the Advisory Committee designated by the Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Africa, who are not otherwise officials of the organizations, shall enjoy the privileges and immunities under article VI of the Convention.

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

4. All holders of the United Nations fellowships at the Centre, who are not nationals of the Arab Republic of Egypt, shall have right of entry into and exit from the Arab Republic of Egypt 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. OPERATION OF THE AGREEMENT

1. This Agreement shall enter into operation upon signature by the duly authorized representatives of the two parties. Arrangements for its ratification shall start promptly after signature. It shall remain in force until 31 December 1982, and may be extended for a future period to be agreed upon by the two parties. In any case, the parties shall initiate consultations, during the first half of 1981, with the aim of continuing co-operation between them in the Centre.

2. This Agreement may be modified by mutual accord between the two parties, and each party shall give full and sympathetic consideration to any request for such modification.

3. This Agreement may be terminated by either party upon written notice of 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

¹ United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 1, p. 15, and vol. 90, p. 327 (corrigendum to vol. 1, p. 18).

for the training course, or during the training course, 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 the Government of the Arab Republic of Egypt, have signed this Agreement in two copies in English and Arabic, the text of both languages being authentic.

For the Government
of the Arab Republic of Egypt:

[Signed]

GAMAL ASKAR

President
Central Agency for Public
Mobilisation and Statistics

For the United Nations:

[Signed]

ISSOUFOU SAIDOU DJERMAKOYE

Under-Secretary-General
Commissioner
for Technical Co-operation

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