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**UNITED NATIONS
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FOOD AND AGRICULTURE ORGANIZATION
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Supplementary Arrangement regarding co-operation between the World Food Council and the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations. Signed at New York on 24 July 1978 and at Rome on 28 August 1978

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**ORGANISATION DES NATIONS UNIES
et
ORGANISATION DES NATIONS UNIES
POUR L'ALIMENTATION ET L'AGRICULTURE**

Arrangement complémentaire concernant la coopération entre le Conseil mondial de l'alimentation et l'Organisation des Nations Unies pour l'alimentation et l'agriculture. Signé à New York le 24 juillet 1978 et à Rome le 28 août 1978

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SUPPLEMENTARY ARRANGEMENT¹ BETWEEN THE UNITED NATIONS AND THE FOOD AND AGRICULTURE ORGANIZATION OF THE UNITED NATIONS REGARDING COOPERATION BETWEEN THE WORLD FOOD COUNCIL AND THE FOOD AND AGRICULTURE ORGANIZATION OF THE UNITED NATIONS

PREAMBLE

WHEREAS the United Nations and the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (hereinafter referred to as “FAO”) have concluded an Agreement (hereinafter referred to as the “Relationship Agreement”)² pursuant to which FAO was brought into relationship with the United Nations as a specialized agency in accordance with Article 57 of the Charter of the United Nations; and

WHEREAS the United Nations General Assembly by resolution 3348 (XXIX)³ established a World Food Council as an organ of the United Nations reporting to the General Assembly through the Economic and Social Council, and having the purposes, functions and mode of operation set forth in resolution XXII adopted by the World Food Conference on 16 November 1974;⁴ and

WHEREAS resolution XXII adopted by the World Food Conference provides, *inter alia*, that the World Food Council should be serviced within the framework of FAO; and

WHEREAS Article XIX of the Relationship Agreement provides that the Secretary-General of the United Nations and the Director-General of FAO may enter into such supplementary arrangements for the implementation of the Agreement as may be found desirable in the light of the operating experience of the two Organizations; and

WHEREAS it is desirable that a supplementary arrangement be concluded to define cooperation between FAO and the World Food Council;

NOW THEREFORE the Secretary-General of the United Nations and the Director-General of FAO have agreed as follows:

Article I. COOPERATION

1. FAO and the World Food Council shall strive to ensure that their activities are at all times complementary and, to that end shall:

- (a) Keep each other informed and, as appropriate, consult each other, with regard to their respective activities in order to avoid duplication of effort and to promote the most efficient and economical use of their resources;
- (b) Keep each other regularly informed of decisions taken or recommendations adopted by them on matters of common concern; and
- (c) Maintain close and continuous contacts at the secretariat level.

¹ Came into force on 28 August 1978 by signature, in accordance with article VIII.

² See “Protocol concerning the entry into force of the Agreement between the United Nations and the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, signed in New York on 3 February 1947” in United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 1, p. 207.

³ United Nations, *Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-ninth Session, Supplement No. 31 (A/9631)*, p. 75.

⁴ *Report of the World Food Conference* (United Nations publication sales number: 75.II.A.3), E/CONF.65/20, Rome 5-16 November 1974, p. 18.

2. FAO and the World Food Council shall cooperate closely on substantive matters of common concern and to this effect give sympathetic consideration to any request made by either of them for assistance in the preparation of studies or the collection or analysis of information, relating to food and agriculture, in particular when the request is made in connexion with any submission to be made to the governing or subsidiary bodies of FAO or to the World Food Council.

Article II. EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION AND DOCUMENTS

Subject to any arrangements for the safeguarding of confidential material as envisaged in article V.1 of the Relationship Agreement, FAO and the World Food Council shall fully and promptly exchange information and documents that are of mutual interest.

Article III. ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES AND FACILITIES

At the request of the World Food Council, FAO shall to the extent practicable arrange for its administrative and related services, including legal, personnel, financial, conference, purchasing, translation, interpretation and documents production and distribution services, as well as its facilities, to be made available to the World Food Council.

Article IV. FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS

Except as may otherwise be decided by the FAO Conference or Council, the World Food Council shall bear the cost of any services or facilities provided by FAO pursuant to article I.2 or article III in accordance with exchanges of letters concluded from time to time by FAO and the World Food Council. FAO shall on a similar basis bear the costs of any services or facilities provided by the World Food Council pursuant to article I.2.

Article V. RECIPROCAL REPRESENTATION

1. The Director-General of FAO shall be invited to attend sessions of the World Food Council and, as appropriate, those of its subsidiary bodies, and to participate in such sessions without the right to vote. If he is unable to attend, he may designate senior officers to participate in such meetings in his stead.

2. Without prejudice to article II.1 of the Relationship Agreement, representatives of the World Food Council shall be invited:

- (a) To attend the FAO Conference, and to participate without the right to vote in its deliberations; and
- (b) To attend the FAO Council, and to participate without the right to vote in the deliberations of that body and, as appropriate, its committees.

3. From time to time, appropriate arrangements may be made, by mutual agreement, with respect to the representation of the World Food Council at other conferences or meetings convened by FAO, when matters of interest to the World Food Council are to be discussed.

Article VI. PROPOSAL OF ITEMS FOR INCLUSION ON PROVISIONAL AGENDA OF THE WORLD FOOD COUNCIL

The World Food Council shall include on its provisional agenda all items proposed, or recommended for inclusion, by the FAO Conference or Council.

Article VII. CHANNELS OF COMMUNICATION BETWEEN THE WORLD FOOD COUNCIL
AND SUBSIDIARY BODIES OF THE FAO COUNCIL

1. When reports of subsidiary bodies of the FAO Council, or the FAO Commission on Fertilizers, are transmitted to the World Food Council, they shall normally be reviewed first by the FAO Council. However, when the timing of the sessions of these bodies, the FAO Council and the World Food Council, makes this procedure impracticable, the Director-General of FAO may, as appropriate, make the reports available directly to the World Food Council.

2. Recommendations and requests addressed by the World Food Council to subsidiary bodies of the FAO Council or to the FAO Commission on Fertilizers shall normally be reviewed first by the FAO Council. However, when the timing of the sessions of these bodies, the FAO Council and the World Food Council, makes this procedure impracticable, the Director-General may, as appropriate, transmit the World Food Council's recommendations and requests directly to the subsidiary bodies concerned.

Article VIII. ENTRY INTO FORCE

This Supplementary Arrangement shall enter into force upon its signature by the duly authorized representatives of the United Nations and FAO.

SIGNED in two copies in the English and French languages, the version in each language being equally authoritative.

SIGNÉ en deux exemplaires en langues anglaise et française, le texte dans chaque langue faisant également foi.

For the United Nations:
The Secretary-General,

Pour les Nations Unies :
Le Secrétaire général,

[Signed — Signé]¹

For the Food and Agriculture
Organization of the United Nations:
The Director-General,

Pour l'Organisation des Nations Unies
pour l'alimentation et l'agriculture :
Le Directeur général,

[Signed — Signé]²

¹ Signed by Kurt Waldheim — Signé par Kurt Waldheim.

² Signed by Edouard Saouma — Signé par Edouard Saouma.