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**UNITED NATIONS  
(UNITED NATIONS INDUSTRIAL  
DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATION)  
and  
CZECHOSLOVAKIA**

**Memorandum of understanding on a joint programme for international co-operation in the field of ceramics, building materials and non-metallic minerals-based industries. Signed at Prague on 20 September 1978**

*Authentic text: English.*

*Registered ex officio on 20 September 1978.*

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**ORGANISATION DES NATIONS UNIES  
(ORGANISATION DES NATIONS UNIES  
POUR LE DÉVELOPPEMENT INDUSTRIEL)  
et  
TCHÉCOSLOVAQUIE**

**Mémorandum d'accord relatif à la création d'un programme conjoint de coopération internationale dans le domaine des industries de la céramique, des matériaux de construction et des minéraux non métalliques. Signé à Prague le 20 septembre 1978**

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*Enregistré d'office le 20 septembre 1978.*

# MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING<sup>1</sup> BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE CZECHOSLOVAK SOCIALIST REPUBLIC AND THE UNITED NATIONS INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATION ON A JOINT PROGRAMME FOR INTERNATIONAL CO-OPERATION IN THE FIELD OF CERAMICS, BUILDING MATERIALS AND NON-METALLIC MINERALS-BASED INDUSTRIES

## 1. GENERAL CONSIDERATIONS

Because of the increasing demand for housing and institutional buildings in the developing countries and the favourable production conditions prevailing in a large number of them (natural resources of rich deposits of clay, limestone, sand, etc.), the ceramics, building materials and non-metallic-based industries there have excellent prospects for development.

In addition to the existing facilities the need for improvement of technical processes and introducing the latest technical know-how for [the] testing of raw materials and products, consultations on technological problems as well as for [the] training of local technicians in the above industries with high-level institutions and research centres in industrially advanced countries remains of paramount importance.

The Czechoslovak Socialist Republic assists the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) in its efforts to help the developing countries in the field of ceramics, building materials and non-metallic minerals-based industries. In particular, the Czechoslovakian Institute for Ceramics, Refractories and Raw Materials has co-operated with UNIDO in the past years and has, in this context, shown its ability to assist in all problems related to the establishment and development of the relevant industries in developing countries.

To make available to the developing countries the Czechoslovak Socialist Republic's experience in this field, the Czechoslovak Socialist Republic and UNIDO have agreed to join their efforts in a Joint Programme for the development of ceramics, building materials and non-metallic minerals-based industries in the developing countries, located at the Czechoslovakian Institute for Ceramics, Refractories and Raw Materials.

## 2. PROGRAMME COMPONENTS

The Joint Programme would comprise one or more of the following components:

- 2.1. In order to facilitate the promotion and development of industries in ceramics, building materials and non-metallic minerals, to foster through the UNIDO/Czechoslovakian Joint Programme twinning arrangements between the Czechoslovakian Institute for Ceramics, Refractories and Raw Materials and similar organizations in developing countries;

<sup>1</sup> Came into force on 20 September 1978 by signature.

- 2.2. Individual training of technicians and engineers from developing countries for application in industry of raw materials referred to under 2.1;
- 2.3. Group training programmes and workshops in the field of ceramics, building materials and non-metallic minerals-based industries;
- 2.4. The testing of raw materials for the ceramics, building materials and non-metallic minerals-based industries from developing countries together with the related technological and geological research, pilot demonstration for application in industry, economic evaluations and the selection of appropriate technology;
- 2.5. Research and advisory activities in the field of ceramics, building materials and non-metallic minerals-based industries for the benefit of developing countries, giving access to the vast technical know-how existing in this field in the Czechoslovak Socialist Republic.

### 3. PROGRAMME ADMINISTRATION

A Committee for the Joint Programme (in the following, called the Committee) shall be established to formulate projects, review problems of implementation and recommend appropriate courses of action. It shall submit its recommendations and shall report at least once in each calendar year to the Government of the Czechoslovak Socialist Republic and to the Executive Director of UNIDO.

The Committee shall consist of three members appointed by the Government of the Czechoslovak Socialist Republic and three members of the UNIDO secretariat appointed by the Executive Director of UNIDO. Other Czechoslovak and UNIDO specialists may assist the members of the Committee in their task. The date and the venue of the first session of the Committee shall be fixed by mutual agreement of the two Parties.

Further to holding a regular annual session, the Committee shall meet as and when deemed necessary by both Parties, the venue of such meeting being the subject of mutual agreement between the Parties.

The project will be located at the Institute for Ceramics, Refractories and Raw Materials, the body designated by the Government of the Czechoslovak Socialist Republic as being responsible for the implementation of the joint UNIDO/CSSR programme in the Czechoslovak Socialist Republic.

One of the three members of the Joint Committee appointed by the Government of the Czechoslovak Socialist Republic will be the Chief Executive of this Joint Programme located at the Institute. One of the three members of the UNIDO secretariat appointed by the Executive Director of UNIDO will act as the UNIDO liaison officer for the Joint Programme. It shall be ensured that maximum utilization is made of the expertise and facilities of all relevant bodies in the Czechoslovak Socialist Republic, in order that any assistance rendered to the developing countries in this sector shall be as effective as possible. Continuous liaison shall be maintained with UNIDO headquarters on all matters pertaining to the programme.

The Joint Programme and its components will be elaborated yearly, the UNIDO liaison officer and the Chief Executive of the Joint Programme located

at the Czechoslovak Institute for Ceramics, Refractories and Raw Materials continuing their efforts to ensure implementation on a regular basis.

#### 4. FINANCIAL PROVISIONS

Agreement will be reached by the UNIDO/CSSR Joint Committee on the work plan to be completed during the year under consideration. The costing sheet which will be attached to the work plan will provide detailed indications on the basis of calculation. Further to the above, individual projects can be approved by both Parties on an *ad hoc* basis.

As soon as the yearly programme is agreed upon, UNIDO will immediately transfer to the project, from the special purpose contribution made by the Czechoslovak Socialist Republic to the UNIDF, the amounts needed to cover up to a yearly amount of Kčs 750,000 the administrative, personnel, testing and training costs incurred by the Czechoslovak Government for the implementation in Czechoslovakia of the Joint Programmes.

DONE in Prague on 20th September 1978, in two original copies in the English language.

For the Government  
of the Czechoslovak Socialist Republic:

[Signed — Signé]<sup>1</sup>

For the United Nations Industrial  
Development Organization:

[Signed — Signé]<sup>2</sup>

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