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**ORGANISATION DES NATIONS UNIES
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**Accord pour la préservation et la mise en valeur de
l'ensemble monumental de Moenjodaro. Signé à Paris
le 10 octobre 1979**

Textes authentiques : anglais et français.

*Enregistré par l'Organisation des Nations Unies pour l'éducation, la
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AGREEMENT¹ BETWEEN THE UNITED NATIONS EDUCATIONAL, SCIENTIFIC AND CULTURAL ORGANIZATION AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF PAKISTAN FOR THE PRESERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT OF THE MONUMENTAL SITE OF MOENJODARO

Considering that the Constitution of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization,² hereinafter referred to as “the Organization”, assigns to it, among other functions, that of assuring the conservation and protection of the world’s inheritance of works of art and monuments of history and science,

Considering that the General Conference of the Organization, by resolution 3.421 (c) adopted at its seventeenth session, authorized the Director-General of the Organization to mobilize international assistance for the preservation and development of, *inter alia*, Moenjodaro in Pakistan,

Considering that at the request of the Government of Pakistan the Director-General of the Organization has appealed for international co-operation in order to preserve and develop the monumental site of Moenjodaro, involving in particular river control, the lowering of the water-table, the stopping of capillary action, desalinization and conservation of the structures and the presentation of the site,

Considering that several Member States and Associate Members of the Organization have responded to this appeal and an Agreement concerning the voluntary contributions to be given for the execution of the project to preserve and develop the monumental site of Moenjodaro,³ hereinafter referred to as “the Agreement concerning voluntary contributions” will be adopted by the contributing Member States and Associate Members of the Organization,

Considering that the Agreement concerning voluntary contributions determines the amounts which, in order to preserve and develop Moenjodaro, the Contributing Member States and Associate Member States of the Organization undertake to pay into the hands of the Director-General of the Organization, together with indications as to the conditions, dates, currency and methods of such payments,

Desiring to define between themselves the methods and conditions under which the Organization will provide assistance to the Government of Pakistan to preserve and develop the site of Moenjodaro and the undertakings to be given by the Government of Pakistan in this connection,

The Organization, represented by its Director-General, Mr. Amadou-Mahtar M’Bow (duly authorized to that effect by the Executive Board of the Organization) and

The Government of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, represented by His Excellency Mr. Iqbal A. Akhund, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Pakistan to France and Permanent Delegate to Unesco

¹ Came into force on 10 October 1979 by signature, in accordance with article VII.

² United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 4, p. 275.

³ See p. 59 of this volume.

Have stated the following:

1. The Government of Pakistan has adopted a plan for the preservation and development of the monumental site of Moenjodaro involving in particular river control, construction of tube wells to lower the heavily saline water-table, the stopping of capillary action, and the desalinization and conservation of the structures at an estimated cost of 11,673,000 dollars of the United States of America.
2. The Government of Pakistan has agreed to proceed with the execution of the project and to take the necessary measures for its satisfactory completion provided that the amount of international assistance received for that purpose reaches the sum as specified in Article I of this Agreement.

Article I. The Government of Pakistan undertakes to proceed with the work of preserving and developing Moenjodaro and, while maintaining the international character of the enterprise, to conclude to that effect with one or more contractors the contract for the work described in the plans and invitations for tenders adopted by the Government of Pakistan when the total of the sums which Member States and Associate Members of the Organization have agreed to pay under the Agreement concerning voluntary contributions together with other sums paid into the Trust Fund set up by the Director-General for the preservation and development of Moenjodaro, has reached an amount equivalent to 3,000,000 dollars of the United States of America or any other lower sum which the Government of Pakistan may consider sufficient.

Article II. Upon concluding the works contract referred to in Article I, the Government of Pakistan shall proceed with the execution of the project to preserve and develop Moenjodaro until its satisfactory conclusion and shall assume financial and other obligations resulting therefrom.

Article III. To assist in the execution of the project, the Government of Pakistan will establish in consultation with the Director-General of Unesco, a Consultative Committee of Experts made up of hydrologists, engineers, archaeologists and landscapers who shall advise both the Government and Unesco on technical problems relating to the conduct of the work.

Article IV. The Director-General of the Organization shall transmit to the competent authorities of Pakistan, in accordance with the methods, conditions, and time-tables laid down in annual plans approved by the Executive Committee set up under Article IV of the Agreement concerning voluntary contributions, the amounts paid to him for that purpose by Member States and Associate Member States of the Organization in compliance with the aforesaid Agreement concerning voluntary contributions, and the amounts already paid into the Trust Fund.

Article V. The Government of Pakistan shall supply the Director-General of the Organization, as expeditiously as possible, the plans of operation, draft contracts and costs estimates concerning preservation and development of Moenjodaro, together with all necessary information and documents on the progress of the work, in order to enable the Director-General of the Organization to keep the Contributing Member States, Associate Member States and the Executive Committee set up under Article IV of the Agreement concerning voluntary contributions fully and regularly informed of the work done.

Article VI. The Director-General of the Organization, in conformity with the resolutions of the General Conference, shall appeal to public and private

sources to contribute to the preservation and development of the site of Moenjodaro with a view to collecting at least 5,000,000 dollars of the United States of America. He shall report to each session of the General Conference on the results of the campaign.

Article VII. This Agreement shall enter into force upon signature.

IN FAITH WHEREOF the representatives of both contracting parties have signed this Agreement.

DONE in Paris on 10 October 1979 in two original copies in English and in French, the two texts being equally authentic.

[Signed]

For the United Nations Educational,
Scientific and Cultural Organ-
ization:

AMADOU-MAHTAR M'BOW
Director-General

[Signed]

For the Government
of Pakistan:

IQBAL A. AKHUND
Ambassador Extraordinary and
Plenipotentiary of Pakistan in France
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