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Organization of the Islamic Conference. Signed at New
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**ORGANISATION DES NATIONS UNIES
(PROGRAMME DES NATIONS UNIES
POUR LE DÉVELOPPEMENT)
et
ORGANISATION DE LA CONFÉRENCE ISLAMIQUE**

**Mémorandum sur la coopération et la liaison entre le
Programme des Nations Unies pour le développement
et l'Organisation de la Conférence islamique. Signé à
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MEMORANDUM¹ ON CO-OPERATION AND LIAISON BETWEEN THE UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME AND THE ORGANIZATION OF THE ISLAMIC CONFERENCE

1. This memorandum contains an outline of principles of co-operation between the United Nations Development Programme (hereafter called UNDP) and the Organization of the Islamic Conference (hereafter called OIC) on the level of their respective Secretariats. It further indicates certain measures which may promote co-operation, such measures being a possible foundation for mutual assistance in matters of common interest.

2. The co-operation on questions which are of common interest to both organizations will take place within the scope of the constitutional instruments, mandates and activities of the two institutions. It is understood that any co-operation, mutual assistance or other arrangement, involving the UNDP or the OIC as such apart from their Secretariats must be based upon the consent of their respective governing organs.

3. The principal aim of UNDP is to assist developing countries in strengthening their economies, in particular through the development of their human and natural resources, their industry and their agriculture, and to promote higher standards of living, full employment and conditions of economic and social progress and development. The Charter of OIC prescribes for it, *inter alia*, the aims of strengthening the unity and solidarity of its member States, intensifying their co-operation and their efforts to provide better living conditions to their people as well as promoting international co-operation.

4. In their respective efforts towards the effective achievement of the above-mentioned aims, the co-operation envisaged by the secretariats of UNDP and OIC in this memorandum may, subject to the foregoing, take several forms, including mutual consultation; exchange of information, documentation and personnel; reciprocal representation and other arrangements for liaison and joint action.

MUTUAL CONSULTATION

5. Mutual consultation to promote co-operation may take place where appropriate, for such purposes as the co-ordination of activities in areas of common interest, the realization of shared objectives, and mutual assistance as appropriate.

EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION, DOCUMENTATION AND PERSONNEL

6. The two organizations shall endeavour to exchange information and documentation to the fullest extent possible in matters of common interest, subject to arrangements which may be required to safeguard the confidential or restricted character of certain information and documents. Where appropriate, and subject to the agreement of the Government(s) concerned, information relating to specific projects may be exchanged between the two organizations at the request of either of them.

¹ Came into force on 2 October 1981 by signature.

7. Each organization will endeavour to comply with requests for examination of proposals which may be communicated to it by the other organization with the consent of the Government(s) concerned concerning economic and social development projects in countries which are members of the OIC.

8. The modalities of the co-operation agreed to herein between the two organizations shall also consist in the exchange of personnel, on short term basis, when desirable, to carry out activities in the field of common interest, taking into account their respective personnel policies and practices.

JOINT ACTION

9. Whenever the growth of UNDP and OIC activities in the fields of common interest makes it desirable, either organization may request co-operation from the other when the latter is particularly fitted to assist in the development of the activities concerned. *Ad hoc* arrangements defining the terms of joint action to be taken with regard to particular problems may be concluded in accordance with procedures to be agreed upon between UNDP and OIC.

10. Each organization will endeavour as far as possible under its constitutional instruments and decisions of its governing bodies to respond favourably to such requests for co-operation.

RECIPROCAL REPRESENTATION AND LIAISON

11. Subject to the decisions that may be taken by OIC's governing bodies concerning the participation in their meetings by observers, UNDP may be represented at meetings of OIC's specialized committees and other meetings dealing with economic and social questions, to which observers are admitted.

12. Subject to the decisions that may be taken by UNDP's Governing Council regarding participation of observers in its meetings, OIC may be represented at meetings of the Governing Council and other meetings held under UNDP auspices to which observers are admitted where questions of interest to OIC are to be discussed.

13. The Administrator of UNDP and the Secretary-General of OIC may designate certain officials to act as the channel of communication between UNDP and OIC and to ensure the implementation of agreed plans for co-operation.

14. The Administrator of UNDP and the Secretary-General of OIC may make such other arrangements as appear desirable, in the light of experience, to ensure effective liaison between the two organizations.

PERIODICAL JOINT REVIEW

15. The modalities and implementation of this memorandum on co-operation and liaison will be the object of periodical joint review by the two organizations.

IN FAITH WHEREOF the parties have signed this memorandum in the English language in two copies at New York this 2nd day of October 1981.

For the United Nations
Development Programme:

[Signed]

BRADFORD MORSE
Administrator

For the Organization
of the Islamic Conference:

[Signed]

HABIB CHATTI
Secretary-General