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Mémoire sur la coopération et la liaison entre l'Organisation des Nations Unies, agissant par l'intermédiaire du Département de la coopération technique pour le développement, et l'Organisation de la Conférence islamique. Signé à New York le 14 octobre 1982

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MEMORANDUM¹ ON CO-OPERATION AND LIAISON BETWEEN THE UNITED NATIONS, ACTING THROUGH THE DEPARTMENT OF TECHNICAL CO-OPERATION FOR DEVELOPMENT, AND THE ORGANIZATION OF THE ISLAMIC CONFERENCE

1. This Memorandum contains an outline of principles of co-operation between the United Nations, acting through the Department of Technical Co-operation for Development (hereafter called UN/DTCD), in co-ordination with the Department of Political Affairs, Trusteeship and Decolonization and the Director-General for Development and International Economic Co-operation, and the Organization of the Islamic Conference (hereafter called O.I.C.) at the Secretariat level. It further indicates certain measures which may promote co-operation, such measures being a possible foundation for mutual assistance in matters of common interest, in keeping with the intent of General Assembly resolution 36/23, "Co-operation between the United Nations and the Organization of the Islamic Conference".²

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 UN/DTCD or O.I.C. as such, other than at the Secretariat level, must be based upon the consent of their respective governing organs.

3. The principal aim of UN/DTCD, as the main operational arm in the Secretariat for technical co-operation activities of the United Nations, is to assist developing countries in strengthening their physical and institutional infrastructure for economic and social development. Such efforts are mainly in the areas of natural resources and energy, development planning, statistics, development administration, population, social development and technological options for development. Within its various programmes, UN/DTCD is also involved in a number of cross-sectoral interests at the forefront of United Nations development concerns. These include work related to technical co-operation among developing countries; integrated rural development; assistance to the least developed countries; integration of women in development; promotion of investment for development; and other international priorities as they emerge. The modalities of action include technical co-operation programmes and projects; direct advisory services to governments; training of national, technical and managerial personnel; development of new ideas and possibilities for meeting the changing technical co-operation needs of countries; and research in support of technical co-operation activities and at the request of legislative bodies. UN/DTCD also undertakes preparation and dissemination of technical guidelines on various substantive issues, suitable to the circumstances of developing countries.

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² United Nations, *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 51 (A/36/51)*, p. 14.

4. The Charter of O.I.C.¹ prescribes for it, *inter alia*, the aims of strengthening the unity and solidarity of its member States, intensifying their co-operation and other efforts to provide better living conditions to their people as well as promoting international co-operation.

5. In their respective efforts towards the effective achievement of the above-mentioned aims, the co-operation envisaged in this Memorandum by UN/DTCD and the Secretariat of O.I.C. may, subject to the foregoing, take several forms, including mutual consultation; exchange of information, documentation and personnel; joint action; and arrangements for liaison.

MUTUAL CONSULTATION

6. Mutual consultation to promote co-operation may take place 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 AND DOCUMENTATION

7. The two organizations shall endeavour, within their policies and regulations, 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.

8. Each organization shall endeavour, within its policies and regulations, 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, as regards economic and social development projects in countries which are members of the O.I.C.

JOINT ACTION

9. Whenever UN/DTCD and O.I.C. activities in fields of common interest make it desirable, either organization may request co-operation from the other. *Ad hoc* arrangements defining the terms of specific joint actions may be concluded in accordance with the needs of such endeavours, bearing in mind that UN/DTCD is primarily a technical organization which provides services and executes projects financed from sources external to itself. In this context UN/DTCD may, on request from the O.I.C. Secretariat, identify projects in member States and submit them to the O.I.C. Similarly, UN/DTCD may submit proposals for seminars on subjects of importance to O.I.C.; UN/DTCD may co-operate with O.I.C., upon request, in helping the execution of projects and the organization of seminars; and the O.I.C. Secretariat may request expert advice from UN/DTCD to assist in setting up procedures for undertaking technical co-operation activities. Additional areas for possible co-operation may come to light in the course of events, which could be accommodated within the framework of this Memorandum.

¹ United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 914, p. 103.

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

LIAISON

11. The Under-Secretary-General of UN/DTCD and the Secretary-General of O.I.C. may designate certain officials to act as the channel of communication between UN/DTCD and O.I.C. and to ensure the implementation of agreed plans for co-operation.

12. The Under-Secretary-General and the Secretary-General of O.I.C. may make such other arrangements as appear desirable, in the light of experience, to ensure effective liaison between the two organizations.

PERIODIC JOINT REVIEW AND TERMINATION

13. The modalities and implementation of this Memorandum on co-operation and liaison will be the object of periodic joint review by the two organizations, also taking into account the evolving pattern of relationships between each organization and other international organizations. Each organization may terminate the arrangements foreseen by this Memorandum by notifying the other organization.

IN FAITH WHEREOF the parties have signed this Memorandum in the English language in two copies at New York this day of 14 October 1982.

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of Technical Co-operation for De-
velopment:

[*Signed*]

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