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ARAB ORGANIZATION FOR MINERAL  
RESOURCES (AOMR)**

**Memorandum on co-operation. Signed at New York on  
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## MEMORANDUM<sup>1</sup> ON CO-OPERATION BETWEEN THE UNITED NATIONS, ACTING THROUGH THE DEPARTMENT OF TECHNICAL CO-OPERATION FOR DEVELOPMENT, AND THE ARAB ORGANIZATION FOR MINERAL RESOURCES

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Recalling that one of the mandates of the United Nations is to promote higher standards of living, full employment and conditions of economic and social progress and development (Article 55 of the United Nations Charter),

Considering that 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 investment promotion. Within its mandate for mineral resources development, UN/DTCD is involved in:

- Large-scale reconnaissance surveys involving geological mapping, geochemistry and geophysics;
- Detailed investigation and evaluation of identified mineral deposits;
- The use of remote sensing satellite imagery to detect structures potentially associated with mineralization;
- Assistance in negotiating and concluding mineral development agreements, containing equitable financial and legal provisions, with international mining companies;
- Help in drafting national mining legislation and mineral sector development plans;
- The development of national exploration and exploitation capabilities through in-project and international training of counterparts, and the establishment or strengthening of geological survey facilities, technical laboratories and other long-term institutions;
- Provision of modern equipment, advanced techniques and advisory services to developing countries;
- Specialized seminars, meetings, workshops and study tours for mineral development officials.

Similar services are provided by UN/DTCD in the areas of water and energy resources.

Recalling the objectives and functions of the Organization of Arab Mineral Resources are:

- Participate in implementing co-operation and co-ordination between different Arab regional and national institutions and organizations whose activities are in the field of mineral resources in order to co-ordinate mineral policies between member states;
- To gather and exchange information, to prepare studies and to publish a specialized journal on the mining activities in the Arab world;

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<sup>1</sup> Came into force on 18 October 1983 by signature, in accordance with article VIII.

- To study the possibilities for generating and promoting joint mineral projects in co-operation with Arab governments and organizations as well as with specialized international organizations;
- To organize congresses and conferences between member states and to insure the implementation of their recommendations;
- To give assistance to member states who request it according to the means available to AOMR and its objectives;
- To co-ordinate Arab activities in the field of mineral resources and more specifically in the scientific and technological areas as well as in the training of professional staff;
- To undertake the necessary studies in the above-mentioned fields, particularly as it concerns co-ordination between member states in the production, prices, export and import of minerals.

Considering the Arab States' growing interest in co-ordination of their mineral policies, and in joining their efforts with the aim of harmonious exploitation of their mineral resources.

The United Nations, acting through its Department of Technical Co-operation for Development (hereinafter called UN/DTCD) and the Arab Organization for Mineral Resources have agreed as follows:

*Article I.* The purpose of this memorandum of co-operation is to bring about closer co-operation between the General Secretariat of OAMR and the UN/DTCD in the field of mineral resources and more specifically with regard to the following :

- (a) Technical and economic feasibility studies;
- (b) Technical and financial assistance for mining projects in Arab countries (particularly those with limited financial resources) which will be submitted by AOMR;
- (c) Training and upgrading of mining staff through seminars, study tours and fellowships;
- (d) Data bank for mineral resources and exchange of documentation;
- (e) Organization of seminars, specialized workshops and conferences;
- (f) Promotion of solid fuels (oil shale, coal, uranium);
- (g) Sectoral studies on specific minerals;
- (h) Research and development in the fields of exploration, exploitation, and processing of minerals;
- (i) Transfer of technology and development of technology suitable to the Arab world.

*Article II.* The Secretariat of AOMR and UN/DTCD will co-operate in obtaining and exchanging information on mineral resources in order to meet specific requirements as regards technology, planning, policies and strategies in this field with a view to better co-ordination of mineral policies among Arab States particularly those members of AOMR.

All the necessary measures will be taken to protect the confidential character of specific information and documents.

*Article III.* The two parties will inform each other of current and future programmes in the field of exploration, exploitation, treatment and processing of minerals. They will exchange programmes and any other information or studies in order to harmonize their efforts and to consolidate co-operation between them in areas of common interest.

*Article IV.* The two parties will provide each other with all the necessary technical and scientific collaboration in order to implement projects of common interest.

Should the two Secretariats draw up a joint work programme for a particular period, they will determine and identify the means by which such programmes are to be executed and the corresponding financial resources allocated.

*Article V.* The two parties will invite each other to meetings, seminars and conferences which they organize in order to examine scientific, technical and research questions related to mineral resources.

The two parties will send specialists at regular intervals to exchange experience and to consult on activities of common interest.

*Article VI.* This memorandum of co-operation shall be valid for a period of five years from the date of signature unless either of the two parties gives six months notice in writing of its intention to terminate it. This termination shall be without prejudice to any joint activity which is approved by both parties and which has already commenced under the terms of this memorandum.

*Article VII.* The articles of this memorandum may be amended or revised in full or in part by common consent.

*Article VIII.* This memorandum will enter into force on the date of its signature by the representatives of the two organizations.

*Article IX.* The English and French texts of this memorandum shall be authentic.

DONE at New York, on 18 October 1983.

For the United Nations,  
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for Development:

[Signed]  
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[Signed]  
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Secretary-General