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**UNITED NATIONS
(UNITED NATIONS INDUSTRIAL
DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATION)
and
COMMONWEALTH SECRETARIAT**

**Memorandum of Understanding on co-operation. Signed at
London on 21 June 1979**

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**ORGANISATION DES NATIONS UNIES
(ORGANISATION DES NATIONS UNIES
POUR LE DÉVELOPPEMENT INDUSTRIEL)
et
SECRETARIAT POUR LES PAYS
DU COMMONWEALTH**

**Mémorandum d'accord relatif à leur coopération. Signé à
Londres le 21 juin 1979**

Texte authentique : anglais.

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MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING¹ BETWEEN THE COMMONWEALTH SECRETARIAT AND THE UNITED NATIONS INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATION

The Commonwealth Secretary-General and the Executive Director of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO),

Considering that the Commonwealth Secretariat is an international body that co-ordinates consultations and co-operation among member countries of the Commonwealth, that it collects and disseminates information for their use, organizes meetings and conferences in areas of common concern and puts into effect decisions for collective Commonwealth action,

Considering that technical assistance for economic and social development is available to Commonwealth developing countries through the Commonwealth Fund for Technical Co-operation (CFTC),

Considering that UNIDO has responsibilities under the Lima Declaration and Plan of Action² for promoting co-operation within and outside the United Nations system to accelerate the industrialization of the developing countries,

Considering that, to achieve their objectives, UNIDO and the Commonwealth Secretariat should co-operate with other organizations working for the same aim,

In recognition of their mutual interests in the areas of agro-industries, technological and industrial development management and training, information, industrial consultancy, non-conventional energy resources, self-reliance and regional co-operation,

Have agreed to maintain an appropriate co-operative relationship and harmonize their efforts to intensify their co-operation for the purpose of increasing the impact of their respective activities on behalf of the developing countries served by the two organizations.

These activities cover:

1. Training programmes in industrial technology designed to improve skills and broaden the experience [of] high-level technical, managerial and administrative personnel dealing with industrial development.
2. Co-operation in the area of Factory Establishment and Management.
3. Acquisition and dissemination of industrial information to meet specific requirements in the field of technology, including the use of the Industrial and Technological Information Bank (INTIB) of UNIDO. The two parties will participate in an information network in industrial research and will exchange information and documents on matters of common interest, including information on technical data, except where measures may be necessary to safeguard the confidential nature of certain documents and information.
4. The promotion of specific agro-industrial activities.
5. Programmes designed to enhance the capabilities of institutions and enterprises in Commonwealth developing countries for identifying, evaluating, selecting

¹ Came into force on 21 June 1979 by signature, in accordance with its provisions.

² *Report of the United Nations Conference on Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries, A/CONF.79/13, September 1978.*

and using appropriate technologies and for relating technology transfer at the national or regional level.

6. Assistance to industrial co-operation projects among developing countries.

7. As may be appropriate, participation by the Commonwealth Secretariat in the system of consultations organized by UNIDO.

The present Memorandum of Understanding shall enter into force on the date of its signature. It may be renounced by either of the two parties with six months' notice.

This Memorandum of Understanding is done in two originals in the English language, and both copies are equally authentic.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Commonwealth Secretary-General and the Executive Director of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization have signed the present Memorandum of Understanding.

DONE at London on this 21st day of June 1979.

For the Commonwealth Secretariat:

[Signed]

SHRIDATH S. RAMPHAL
Secretary-General

For the United Nations
Industrial Development Organization:

[Signed]

ABD-EL RAHMAN KHANE
Executive Director
