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**UNITED NATIONS
(UNITED NATIONS INDUSTRIAL
DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATION)
and
ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF
WEST AFRICAN STATES**

Memorandum of Understanding on co-operation and assistance. Signed at Vienna on 16 December 1980

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**ORGANISATION DES NATIONS UNIES
(ORGANISATION DES NATIONS UNIES
POUR LE DÉVELOPPEMENT INDUSTRIEL)
et
COMMUNAUTÉ ÉCONOMIQUE DES
ÉTATS DE L'AFRIQUE DE L'OUEST**

Mémorandum d'accord relatif à la coopération et à l'assistance. Signé à Vienne le 16 décembre 1980

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MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING¹ BETWEEN THE UNITED NATIONS INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATION AND THE ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES ON COOPERATION AND ASSISTANCE

Whereas the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (hereinafter referred to as “UNIDO”) rendered technical assistance to the member States of the Economic Community of West African States (hereinafter referred to as “ECOWAS”);

Whereas UNIDO and ECOWAS having regard to their common interests in and their desire for the Industrial Development of the member States of ECOWAS are resolved to co-operate with one another and to [strengthen] the ties between them;

Whereas UNIDO has been entrusted with the central role in coordinating United Nations activities and technical assistance to the developing countries in the industrial field as well as in initiating and coordinating activities within the United Nations System for implementation of the Lima Declaration and Plan of Action;²

Whereas ECOWAS, *inter alia*, aims to achieve harmonization of industrial policies and reduce disparities in the level of development of the member States;

Whereas cooperation between UNIDO and ECOWAS for the benefit of this subregion of Africa complements the UNIDO cooperation with OAU and serves the purposes declared by the Industrial Development Decade for Africa;

Whereas UNIDO has since the establishment of ECOWAS rendered technical assistance to that organization and is further enjoined, subject to its resources, in accordance with the Lima and New Delhi³ Declarations and Plans of Action on Industrial Development and cooperation to achieve the goals of the New International Economic Order, especially to take into consideration the OAU Lagos Plan of Action⁴ and the United Nations General Assembly Resolution on the Industrial Development Decade for Africa;⁵

Now therefore the Executive Director of UNIDO and the Executive Secretary of ECOWAS

Hereby agree as follows:

Article I. OBJECTIVES

The purpose of this Memorandum of Understanding is to facilitate cooperation between UNIDO and ECOWAS and the undertaking of certain activities by UNIDO

¹ Came into force on 16 December 1980 by signature, in accordance with article VI.

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

³ *Report on the 3rd General Conference of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization*, ID/CONF.4/22, 11 April 1980.

⁴ Assessment of the Progress made in the establishment of the New International Economic Order and appropriate action for the promotion of the development of developing countries and International Economic Co-operation, A/S-11/14, 21 August 1980. Letter dated 15 August 1980 from the Permanent Representative of Nigeria to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General.

⁵ United Nations, *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-fifth Session, Supplement No. 48 (A/35/48)*, p. 124.

on behalf of ECOWAS which are aimed at promoting the industrial development of the member States of ECOWAS through efforts and programmes at the multinational and subregional levels.

Article II. AREAS OF COOPERATION AND ASSISTANCE

Subject to the provisions of this Memorandum of Understanding, the resources and Terms of Reference of UNIDO and the Treaty of ECOWAS¹ and without prejudice to the generality of the provisions hereinafter appearing:

1. It shall be the aim of UNIDO and ECOWAS to cooperate in the promotion and undertaking of any of the following activities:

- a) Industrial studies and research related to the objectives of ECOWAS, including industrial policy planning, programming and institutional issues of multinational industrial cooperation;
- b) The exchange of information relating to industrial development integration of the member States of ECOWAS;
- c) Consultation and cooperation in prompting the integrated development of technology capacities and capabilities; and
- d) Consultation and cooperation with one another with respect to such activities in the industrial field in relation to which it may be feasible or desirable to do so.

2. In this respect, without prejudice to and in complement of the Joint UNIDO/ECA and OAU efforts, UNIDO shall at the request of ECOWAS, and where possible, undertake on behalf of ECOWAS preinvestment studies and implementation which will promote the industrial development of the member States of ECOWAS more particularly in the following fields:

- a) Preparation of sectoral master plans for priority industrial branches, with special reference to agro-industries;
- b) Identification and formulation of multinational industrial projects, including preparation of pre-feasibility studies;
- c) Promotion and implementation of viable multinational industrial projects;
- d) Industrial training;
- e) The establishment and maintenance of a data bank on manufacturing and industrial information;
- f) Technology development and transfer;
- g) The industrial implication of matters related to energy.

Article III. METHODS OF OPERATION

1. Where in pursuance of the provisions of this Memorandum of Understanding ECOWAS requests UNIDO to undertake any of the activities set out in Article II of this Memorandum of Understanding all of the details of, and conditions governing the undertaking of the activity by UNIDO including its duration, the amount and manner of payments to be made by ECOWAS for the use of UNIDO which should be in conformity with the United Nations Financial Regulations and Rules, shall be contained in a related project agreement to be entered into between the Executive Director of UNIDO and the Executive Secretary of ECOWAS.

¹ United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 1010, p. 17.

2. Where for the successful carrying out of any of the activities set out in Article II of this Memorandum of Understanding it becomes necessary for joint action to be undertaken by officials of UNIDO and ECOWAS, the Executive Director of UNIDO and the Executive Secretary of ECOWAS shall consult each other concerning the arrangements to be made regarding that joint action.

Article IV. REVIEW

The Executive Director of UNIDO and the Executive Secretary of ECOWAS shall meet periodically to review progress made in achieving the objectives of this Memorandum of Understanding and to consider ways in which its provisions may be more effectively and efficiently implemented.

Article V. AMENDMENT

The provisions of this Memorandum of Understanding may be amended at any time by mutual agreement between UNIDO and ECOWAS, being understood that such action may not in any way affect the provisions of the terms of previously agreed activity regarding projects that have commenced or are operational.

Article VI. ENTRY INTO FORCE

The Memorandum of Understanding shall enter into force upon signature.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the Executive Director of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization and the Executive Secretary of the Economic Community of West African States have signed this Memorandum of Understanding.

[Signed]

ABOUBAKAR DIABY OUATTARA
The Executive Secretary
Economic Community of
West African States

[Signed]

ABD-EL RAHMAN KHANE
The Executive Director
United Nations Industrial
Development Organization

Vienna, 16 December 1980
