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**UNITED NATIONS
(ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COMMISSION
FOR ASIA AND THE PACIFIC)
and
UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS**

**Memorandum of Understanding on a joint programme of
technical co-operation activities (with annex). Signed at
Bangkok on 18 March 1988**

Authentic text: English.

Registered ex officio on 18 March 1988.

**ORGANISATION DES NATIONS UNIES
(COMMISSION ÉCONOMIQUE ET SOCIALE
POUR L'ASIE ET LE PACIFIQUE)**

et

**UNION DES RÉPUBLIQUES SOCIALISTES
SOVIÉTIQUES**

**Mémorandum d'accord relatif à un programme conjoint
d'activités de coopération technique (avec annexe). Signé
à Bangkok le 18 mars 1988**

Texte authentique : anglais.

Enregistré d'office le 18 mars 1988.

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING¹ BETWEEN THE UNITED NATIONS ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COMMISSION FOR ASIA AND THE PACIFIC AND THE USSR MINISTRY FOR EXTERNAL ECONOMIC RELATIONS, ON A JOINT PROGRAMME OF TECHNICAL COOPERATION ACTIVITIES

The United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UNESCAP) and the USSR Ministry for External Economic Relations (MVES);

1. Bearing in mind the importance of human resources development which is so essential for the overall economic and social development of the developing countries in the Asia and Pacific region;

2. Recalling that this cooperation is in line with the UNESCAP recommendations which place special emphasis on the need for the developing countries to develop their human resources in different fields and for the developed countries to considerably expand the access of the developing countries to their training facilities;

3. Noting the positive experience and impact of the implementation of the 1984-1987 ESCAP/USSR programme of training activities;

4. Recognizing the importance of ESCAP/USSR cooperation in rendering technical assistance to the developing countries of the Asia and Pacific region in the development and implementation of their human resources development programmes;

5. Further recognizing the importance of exchange of experience amongst the developing countries within the framework of technical cooperation among developing countries and between them and the USSR for their mutual benefit;

6. Noting that joint programming on a long term basis would assist in orderly determination and implementation of training activities to efficiently achieve the human resource requirements of the developing countries as well as subsequent evaluation of the training programmes;

7. Basing on the experience gained from the implementation of training activities held in the USSR in the past; and

8. Expressing the willingness and readiness to further expand and enhance the cooperation which exists between ESCAP and USSR;

Have agreed as follows:

1. To develop a joint programme of group training and related activities on a three year rolling basis on the expressed needs of the developing countries as embodied in ESCAP's work programme and the availability and relevance of USSR expertise in this regard. Such a joint programme to be annexed to this memorandum will include the organization of seminars, study tours, workshops and group training courses on different aspects of economic and social development. To ensure efficient implementation of agreed activities, the joint programme would in the first instance contain agreed activities for implementation in 1988 and 1989 with a review to be carried out annually for purposes of adding a third year to the joint programme of activities.

¹ Came into force on 18 March 1988 by signature, in accordance with paragraph 7.

2. The joint programme shall be financed out of the resources that would be made available to ESCAP under Section 24 of the United Nations Regular Programme of Technical Co-operation for the respective bienniums, the USSR government's contributions in kind and other funds that may be available to ESCAP including the USSR/UNDP trust fund for the training in the USSR of specialists from developing countries, in accordance with the financial rules and regulations governing their utilization.

3. Implementation of the agreed activities in the joint programme shall be subject to the availability of adequate financial resources. Each specific activity in the programme shall have its own project budget agreed upon between the parties concerned including the government of the USSR and approved either by the United Nations Headquarters or the UNDP Trust Fund Manager on behalf of the Administrator as appropriate.

4. Implementation of the agreed activities in the USSR shall be in accordance with the letter dated 14 June 1983 of the United Nations Legal Counsel and its attached Memorandum of Understanding to the Permanent Representative of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics to the United Nations and the latter's reply dated 15 June 1983 concerning seminars/symposiums/workshops organized by the United Nations in the USSR.¹

5. The organization of the agreed activities in the joint programme shall be in accordance with past practice and both parties to this Memorandum of Understanding shall endeavour to ensure their smooth and efficient implementation at the least cost to all concerned, taking fully into account the practical difficulties which may impede their implementation.

Such endeavours shall include the following:

i) ESCAP shall ensure the timely submission of project documents (in draft form at least one year prior to the expected opening date of the corresponding activity) to MVES, and to UN Headquarters and/or to UNDP, as well as the timely distribution of advanced information about the forthcoming activities and invitations. Participants to each activity shall be selected in accordance with the established procedures and principles.

ii) ESCAP shall also ensure the timely submission of the list of participants to Aeroflot office in Bangkok (for issuing tickets) in accordance with established procedure as well as to MVES (for issuing visas) at least three weeks prior to the opening date of the activity.

iii) MVES shall be responsible for the organization of the training programmes in accordance with the approved project document and agreed curriculum, timely issuance of visas to the participants and other organizational and training aspects related to the programme on the USSR territory.

6. This Memorandum of Understanding may be amended or revised by mutual accord between ESCAP and the MVES and it may be terminated by either party subject to six months' notice being given to the other party, it being understood that such termination shall not affect activities that are already operational.

7. This Memorandum of Understanding shall enter into force upon signature.

¹ United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 1317, p. 85.

DONE at Bangkok on 18 March 1988 in English and Russian, the two texts being equally authentic.¹

[*Signed — Signé*]²

On behalf of the United Nations
Economic and Social Commission
for Asia and the Pacific

[*Signed — Signé*]³

On behalf of the USSR
Ministry for External
Economic Relations

¹ The Agreement has in fact been established in English only.

² Signed by Theo Arnold — Signé par Theo Arnold.

³ Signed by Vi Chekay — Signé par Vi Chekay.

ANNEX

JOINT PROGRAMME OF TECHNICAL COOPERATION ACTIVITIES

1988

1. Training course on human resources development planning
2. Seminar on planning regional economic co-operation
3. Seminar on modern methods of mineral exploitation
4. Workshop on the role of water use statistics in the long term planning of water resources development
5. Seminar-cum-study tour on railway integrated development planning together with a meeting of experts on the Trans-Asian railway network and Asian railway master plan and subgroup 2 on international traffic of the Asia Pacific railway cooperation group

Reserve

1. Seminar on design, production, repair and maintenance of agricultural machinery
2. Seminar on the management of cooperatives
3. Workshop on transport statistics
4. Seminar on high yielding varieties of maize

1989

1. Training course on multi-purpose development planning of river basins
2. Training course in urban development planning
3. Development of postal services in rural areas
4. Economics organization and planning of water transport operations
5. Seminar-cum-study tour on tourism development

Reserve

1. Seminar on organization of statistics at subnational level

Pending proposals

1. Study tour on the use of peat as a fuel
 2. Symposium on assessment of impact of plate tectonics on geologic mapping and mineral exploration based on application of remote sensing data
 3. Seminar on construction statistics
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