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**UNITED NATIONS
(OFFICE OF THE UNITED NATIONS
DISASTER RELIEF CO-ORDINATOR)
and
INTERNATIONAL CIVIL DEFENCE ORGANISATION**

**Agreement on cooperation. Signed at Geneva on 17 March
1989**

Authentic texts: English and French.

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**ORGANISATION DES NATIONS UNIES
(BUREAU DU COORDONNATEUR
DES NATIONS UNIES POUR LES SECOURS
EN CAS DE CATASTROPHE)**

et

**ORGANISATION INTERNATIONALE
DE PROTECTION CIVILE**

Accord de coopération. Signé à Genève le 17 mars 1989

Textes authentiques : anglais et français.

Classé et inscrit au répertoire par le Secrétariat le 17 mars 1989.

AGREEMENT¹ BETWEEN THE OFFICE OF THE UNITED NATIONS DISASTER RELIEF CO-ORDINATOR AND THE INTERNA- TIONAL CIVIL DEFENCE ORGANIZATION

Whereas the Office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator, hereinafter called UNDRRO, is the Office within the United Nations Organization entrusted with the mandate of mobilizing and co-ordinating the assistance of the international community in case of natural and other disaster situations;

Whereas UNDRRO acts as the Secretariat for the International Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction;

Whereas the International Civil Defence Organization, hereinafter called ICDO, is an international intergovernmental organization with the aim of promoting civil defence at the international level by:

(i) Disseminating information concerning civil defence systems throughout the world, studies and research on the protection of the population as well as introducing modern materials and equipment required in this field;

(ii) Organizing training courses for civil defence cadres and other personnel;

(iii) Providing technical assistance to national civil defence authorities with whom it maintains direct contacts;

Whereas ICDO is prepared to play its role particularly within the International Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction (UN General Assembly Resolution 42/169 of 11th December 1987);²

Whereas UNDRRO and ICDO recognize that, while pursuing similar humanitarian aims and operating on different levels, both organizations are complementary to each other in their respective actions against disasters; and

That cooperation between the two organizations would be mutually beneficial and would reinforce the activities of UNDRRO and ICDO, particularly in the fields of training and technical assistance to civil defence systems;

It is hereby agreed as follows

A. GENERAL COLLABORATION

Article I

UNDRRO and ICDO shall collaborate in all matters relating to their respective tasks and shall encourage all States and relevant organizations to participate.

Article II

Information shall be exchanged, consultations and working meetings shall be held regularly between UNDRRO and ICDO.

¹ Came into force on 17 March 1989 by signature, in accordance with article IX.

² United Nations, *Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-second session, Volume I, Supplement No. 49 (A/42/49)*, p. 128.

Article III

UNDRO shall enjoy the status of permanent observer to ICDO; and

ICDO shall participate in all studies and information meetings organized by UNDRO.

Article IV

UNDRO and ICDO shall exchange regularly their respective periodical publications; each of the latter shall provide space for the activities of the other.

Article V

UNDRO and ICDO shall have access to each other's lists of experts and consultants as well as to other data related to civil defence and disaster, in order to facilitate their work. They shall also contribute to data banks covering their specific fields of activity.

**B. COLLABORATION WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE INTERNATIONAL DECADE
FOR NATURAL DISASTER REDUCTION**

Article VI

ICDO is responsible for training cadres, instructors and personnel of national civil defence systems. In this regard UNDRO shall be free to collaborate in preparation of ICDO training courses and seminars.

In consultation with the Steering Committee for the International Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction set up by the Secretary General of the United Nations, all ICDO training courses for cadres and personnel of national civil defence systems shall be open to nationals of any State. It is understood that the extra financial burden resulting from the participation in the courses of candidates from non-member States of ICDO, shall not be borne by ICDO.

Article VII

In accordance with its statutory mandate "to assist Members in developing an informed public opinion among all peoples on the vital necessity of prevention, protection and intervention in case of disaster", ICDO, in consultation with UNDRO, shall collaborate in informing the general public concerning the steps to be taken to prevent and fight natural disasters.

Article VIII

UNDRO and ICDO shall endeavour to promote the creation and the development of regional civil defence centres and disaster prevention systems.

Article IX

The present Agreement in two original copies, the texts of which in English and French are equally authentic, shall come into force by signature.

Official translations into Arabic, Chinese, Spanish and Russian will be issued in due time.

The Agreement may be revised by common accord between UNDRO and ICDO.

Either party may terminate this Agreement by giving three months' written notice to the other party.

For the Office
of the United Nations
Disaster Relief Co-ordinator:

For the International
Civil Defence Organization:

Geneva, 17 March 1989

[Signed]

Mr. M'HAMED ESSAAFI
Under-Secretary General
of the United Nations

[Signed]

Mr. SADOK ZNAÏDI
ICDO Secretary General
