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**WORLD INTELLECTUAL
PROPERTY ORGANIZATION
and
ORGANIZATION OF THE ISLAMIC CONFERENCE**

**Agreement on the establishment of working relations and
cooperation. Signed at Geneva and at Jeddah on 3 No-
vember 1992**

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**ORGANISATION MONDIALE
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et
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AGREEMENT¹ BETWEEN THE WORLD INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY ORGANIZATION AND THE ORGANIZATION OF THE ISLAMIC CONFERENCE

PREAMBLE

Whereas the World Intellectual Property Organization (hereinafter referred to as “WIPO”) and the Organization of the Islamic Conference (hereinafter referred to as “the OIC”) desire to facilitate, through close cooperation and consultation with each other, the attainment of the objectives set forth in their respective constituent instruments,

Now therefore WIPO and the OIC have decided to conclude this Agreement on the establishment of working relations and cooperation and have agreed as follows:

Article 1

INVITATIONS TO THE MEETINGS OF ESTABLISHED BODIES

1. WIPO shall invite the OIC to be represented in an observer capacity

(i) At the sessions of the General Assembly and the Conference of WIPO, it being understood that, for the discussion of certain items of the agenda, attendance may be restricted to the Member States of WIPO;

(ii) At the sessions of the WIPO Coordination Committee, for the discussion of any item on the agenda which is of direct interest to the OIC;

(iii) At the sessions of the Permanent Committee for Development Cooperation Related to Industrial Property and of the Permanent Committee for Development Cooperation Related to Copyright and Neighboring Rights, as well as of any other committee or working group established by the WIPO Conference to discuss matters of general interest in the field of intellectual property;

(iv) At the sessions of the Assemblies, the Conferences of Representatives and the Executive Committee of the Paris Union for the Protection of Industrial Property (“Paris Union”) and of the Berne Union for the Protection of Literary and Artistic Works (“Berne Union”).

2. The OIC shall invite WIPO to be represented in an observer capacity

(i) At the sessions of the Conference of Heads of State and at Conferences of Foreign Ministers, it being understood that for the discussion of certain items of the agenda, attendance may be restricted to the Member States of the OIC;

(ii) At the sessions of councils, commissions and committees established by the OIC for the discussion of matters of common interest.

¹ Came into force provisionally on 3 November 1992, the date of signature, in accordance with article 12.

Article 2

INVITATIONS TO DIPLOMATIC CONFERENCES

1. WIPO shall invite the OIC or arrange for it to be invited in an observer capacity to such diplomatic conferences as may be convened by WIPO or held in connection with the Paris and Berne Unions or the special Unions established within the framework of those Unions that may deal with intellectual property.

2. The OIC shall invite WIPO or arrange for it to be invited in an observer capacity to diplomatic conferences concerning the tasks of the OIC or the revision of the Charter of the OIC when matters of direct interest to WIPO will be considered.

Article 3

OBSERVER STATUS

Without prejudice to any more extensive rights resulting from the applicable constituent instrument, the decision concerning the composition of the body, committee, or working group or diplomatic conference or its rules of procedure, the term “observer capacity”, as used in Articles 1 and 2 above, shall be construed to mean the participation, without the right to vote, in discussions of the body, committee, working group or diplomatic conference concerned.

Article 4

COOPERATION IN ORGANIZING MEETINGS

In appropriate cases, the organization of meetings dealing with matters concerning the protection of intellectual property may call for cooperation between WIPO and the OIC. The scope of such cooperation and participation shall be the subject of arrangements in each case, taking into account any relevant resolution approved by the organization responsible for the convening of the meeting.

Article 5

EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION AND DOCUMENTS

1. Subject to such arrangements as may be considered necessary for safeguarding the confidential nature of certain information or documents, WIPO and the OIC shall keep each other informed of the progress of work on matters concerning the protection of intellectual property.

2. Subject to such arrangements as may be considered necessary for safeguarding the confidential character of certain documents, WIPO and the OIC shall furnish free of charge to the other such documents relating to the meetings it holds as may be of interest to the other. Where such meetings are held jointly by WIPO or the OIC with another organization, the agreement of the latter on the furnishing of such documents shall also be required.

Article 6

EXCHANGE OF PERIODICALS AND OTHER PUBLICATIONS

1. WIPO and the OIC shall arrange for the furnishing free of charge to the other of copies of its periodicals and other publications which may be of interest to the other.
2. The number of copies to be furnished and their use shall, in each case, be decided jointly by the Director General of WIPO and the Secretary-General of the OIC.

Article 7

SPECIAL SERVICES AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

1. Should the OIC wish to avail itself of the technical assistance of WIPO, the Secretary-General of the OIC shall communicate its requirements to the Director General of WIPO. WIPO and the OIC shall consult each other to establish jointly a detailed plan of action. Should the program and budget of WIPO require notification to enable any such joint plan of action to be carried out, the Director General of WIPO shall ask the competent bodies of WIPO to grant the necessary authorization.
2. If the Special services or the technical assistance requested by the OIC would involve substantial expenditure, consultation shall take place with a view to determining the most equitable manner of meeting such expenditure.

Article 8

SUPPLEMENTARY AGREEMENTS AND ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS

Within the framework of this Agreement, supplementary agreements for its implementation or administrative arrangements to secure collaboration and effective liaison between the Secretariats of the two Organizations may be entered into by the Director General of WIPO and the Secretary-General of the OIC when the development of matters of common interest to both WIPO and the OIC is such as to make it desirable to establish closer cooperation between the two Organizations on particular matters.

Article 9

CONSULTATIONS BETWEEN THE HEADS OF THE TWO ORGANIZATIONS

The Director General of WIPO and the Secretary-General of the OIC, or their representatives, shall meet as required in order to consider together problems of joint concern to both organizations. Either may take the initiative for the holding of such meetings.

Article 10

AMENDMENT AND REVISION

This Agreement may be amended or revised by agreement between WIPO and the OIC and any such amendment or revision shall enter into force in the same manner as this Agreement.

Article 11

TERMINATION

1. This Agreement may be terminated by either WIPO or the OIC.
2. In order to terminate this Agreement, notice shall be given by the Organization which desires to terminate it.
3. The termination of this Agreement shall take effect at the expiration of six months from the date of the said notice unless the two Organizations agree on a different date, in which event this Agreement shall terminate on the date so agreed.

Article 12

ENTRY INTO FORCE

This Agreement shall enter into force on the date on which it is approved by the WIPO Coordination Committee and by the Conference of Foreign Ministers of the OIC. Prior to its entry into force, this Agreement shall be applied provisionally as from the date of its signature.

Article 13

FILING AND RECORDING WITH THE UNITED NATIONS

On the entry into force of this Agreement in accordance with the provisions of Article 12, it shall be communicated by WIPO to the Secretariat of the United Nations for filing and recording.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned, being duly authorized thereto, have affixed their signatures to two originals of this Agreement.

For the World Intellectual Property Organization:

[Signed]

ARPAD BOGSCH
Director General

For the Organization of the Islamic Conference:

[Signed]

HAMID ALGABID
Secretary-General
