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RELATIONS WITH SPECIALIZED AGENCIES

Proposed Agreement between the International  
Atomic Energy Agency and the Food and Agriculture  
Organization of the United Nations

1. In accordance with paragraph 2 of resolution GC.1(S)/RES/11 of the General Conference, the Board of Governors submits for the approval of the General Conference under Article V.E.7 of the Statute the text of a relationship agreement between the International Atomic Energy Agency and the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO). This text was approved by the Board on 18 September 1958.
2. In accordance with Article XIII of the proposed agreement, this agreement shall come into force on its approval by the General Conference of the Agency and the Conference of FAO which is scheduled for November 1959.
3. The Board recommends that the General Conference should authorize the Director General to make such editorial changes as may be necessary in the text, in agreement with the Director-General of FAO.

PROPOSED AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE INTERNATIONAL ATOMIC ENERGY AGENCY AND  
THE FOOD AND AGRICULTURE ORGANIZATION OF THE UNITED NATIONS

ARTICLE I

Co-operation and Consultation

1. The International Atomic Energy Agency and the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations agree that with a view to facilitating the effective attainment of the objectives set forth in their respective constitutional instruments, within the general framework established by the Charter of the United Nations, they will act in close co-operation with each other and will consult each other regularly in regard to matters of common interest.
2. The Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations recognizes the responsibilities of the International Atomic Energy Agency as set forth in the Statute of the Agency, and as recognized in the agreement between the United Nations and the Agency, and the exchange of letters which accompanied that agreement.
3. The International Atomic Energy Agency recognizes the responsibilities of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations as set forth in the constitution of that Organization and recognized in the agreement between the United Nations and the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations.
4. In particular the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations recognizes that the International Atomic Energy Agency, by virtue of its Statute and its primary responsibility in the field of the peaceful uses of atomic energy, has a corresponding concern in the co-ordination of world-wide activities in this field, without prejudice to the responsibility of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations in matters relating to food and agriculture as defined in its constitution.
5. Accordingly, in all cases where either organization proposes to initiate a programme or activity on a subject in which the other organization has or may have a substantial interest, the first party shall consult the other before bringing to finality the programme or **initiating** the activity.

ARTICLE II

Reciprocal Representation

1. Representatives of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations shall be invited to attend the General Conference of the International

Atomic Energy Agency and to participate without vote in the deliberations of that body and, where appropriate, of its subsidiary organs (e.g. commissions and committees) with respect to items on their agenda in which the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations has an interest.

2. Representatives of the International Atomic Energy Agency shall be invited to attend the Conference of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations and to participate without vote in the deliberations of that body and of its committees or commissions with respect to items on their agenda in which the International Atomic Energy Agency has an interest.

3. Representatives of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations shall be invited, as appropriate, to attend meetings of the Board of Governors of the International Atomic Energy Agency and to participate without vote in the deliberations of that body and of its commissions and committees with respect to items on their agenda in which the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations has an interest.

4. Representatives of the International Atomic Energy Agency shall be invited, as appropriate, to attend meetings of the Council of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations and to participate without vote in the deliberations of that body and of its committees with respect to items on their agenda in which the International Atomic Energy Agency has an interest.

5. Appropriate arrangements shall be made by agreement, from time to time, for the reciprocal representation of the International Atomic Energy Agency and the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations at other meetings convened under their respective auspices which consider matters in which the other organization has an interest.

### ARTICLE III

#### Exchange of Information and Documents

1. Subject to such arrangements as may be necessary for the safeguarding of confidential material, the Secretariat of the International Atomic Energy Agency and the Secretariat of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations shall keep each other fully informed concerning all projected activities and all programmes of work which may be of interest to the other party.

2. The International Atomic Energy Agency and the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations recognize that they may find it necessary to apply certain limitations for the safe-guarding of confidential information furnished to them. They therefore agree that nothing in this Agreement shall be construed as requiring either of them to furnish such information as would, in the judgment of the party possessing the information, constitute a violation of the confidence of any of its members or anyone from whom it has received such information or otherwise interfere with the orderly conduct of its operations.

3. The Director General of the International Atomic Energy Agency and the Director General of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations or their representatives shall, at the request of either party, arrange for consultations regarding the provision by either party of such special information as may be of interest to the other party.

#### ARTICLE IV

##### Proposal of Agenda Items

After such preliminary consultations as may be necessary, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations shall include on the provisional agenda of its Conference or its Council items proposed to it by the International Atomic Energy Agency. Similarly, the International Atomic Energy Agency shall include on the provisional agenda of its General Conference or its Board of Governors items proposed by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations. Items submitted by either party for consideration by the other shall be accompanied by an explanatory memorandum.

#### ARTICLE V

##### Co-operation between Secretariats

The Secretariat of the International Atomic Energy Agency and the Secretariat of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations shall maintain a close working relationship in accordance with such arrangements as may have been agreed upon from time to time by the Director General of the Agency and the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations.

ARTICLE VI

Administrative and Technical Co-operation

The International Atomic Energy Agency and the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations agree to consult each other from time to time regarding the most efficient use of personnel and resources and appropriate methods of avoiding the establishment and operation of competitive or overlapping facilities and services.

ARTICLE VII

Statistical Services

In view of the desirability of maximum co-operation in the statistical field and of minimising the burdens placed on national governments and other organizations from which information may be collected, the International Atomic Energy Agency and the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations undertake to avoid undesirable duplication between them with respect to the collection, compilation and publication of statistics and to consult with each other on the most efficient use of information, resources and technical personnel in the field of statistics.

ARTICLE VIII

Personnel Arrangements

The International Atomic Energy Agency and the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations agree that the measures to be taken by them, within the framework of any general arrangements for co-operation in regard to personnel matters which are made by the United Nations, will include:

- (a) Measures to avoid competition in the recruitment of their personnel; and
- (b) Measures to facilitate interchange of personnel on a temporary or permanent basis, in appropriate cases, in order to obtain the maximum benefit from their services, making due provision for the protection of the seniority, pension and other rights of the personnel concerned.

ARTICLE IX

Financing of Special Services

If compliance with a request for assistance made by either organization to the other would involve substantial expenditure for the organization complying with the request, consultation shall take place with a view to determining the most equitable manner of meeting such expenditure.

ARTICLE X

Implementation of the Agreement

The Director General of the International Atomic Energy Agency and the Director General of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations may enter into such arrangements for the implementation of this Agreement as may be found desirable in the light of the operating experience of the two organizations.

ARTICLE XI

Notification to the United Nations and Filing and Recording

1. In accordance with their respective agreements with the United Nations, the International Atomic Energy Agency and the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations will inform the United Nations forthwith of the terms of the present Agreement.
2. On the coming into force of the present agreement in accordance with the provision of Article XIII, it will be communicated to the Secretary-General of the United Nations for filing and recording.

ARTICLE XII

Revision of the Agreement

This Agreement shall be subject to revision by agreement between the International Atomic Energy Agency and the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations.

ARTICLE XIII

Entry into Force

This Agreement shall come into force on its approval by the General Conference of the International Atomic Energy Agency and the Conference of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations.