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THE AGENCY'S RELATIONS WITH INTERGOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS

A co-operation agreement with the Organization of African Unity

Recommendation by the Board of Governors

1. By its Resolution GC(VIII)/RES/179 the General Conference recommended the Board of Governors to take steps to enable the Agency to conclude an agreement with the Scientific, Technical and Research Commission of the Organization of African Unity (OAU) establishing close collaboration between the two organizations.
2. On 20 February last the Board considered a draft agreement for this purpose, the text of which is reproduced in the Annex hereto. The Conference will note that it provides for an agreement with OAU itself since the Board was informed that OAU's Educational, Scientific, Cultural and Health Commission (the successor to its Scientific, Technical and Research Commission) does not have legal personality and therefore cannot conclude an agreement with the Agency.
3. The Board recommends the Conference to approve the agreement by adopting the following draft resolution:

CO-OPERATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE AGENCY AND THE ORGANIZATION OF AFRICAN UNITY

The General Conference,

Approves the draft agreement providing for co-operation between the Agency and the Organization of African Unity set forth in document GC(XII)/376, Annex.

A N N E X

DRAFT CO-OPERATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE
INTERNATIONAL ATOMIC ENERGY AGENCY AND
THE ORGANIZATION OF AFRICAN UNITY

WHEREAS the International Atomic Energy Agency (hereinafter "the Agency") is recognized as the agency responsible, under the auspices of the United Nations, for international activities concerned with the peaceful uses of atomic energy,

WHEREAS the Organization of African Unity (hereinafter "the Organization") was established with the purpose, among others, of co-ordinating and promoting co-operation in scientific matters within Africa, as part of the efforts undertaken to strengthen unity among the peoples of Africa and give them better living conditions, and that these matters have now been entrusted to the Educational, Scientific, Cultural and Health Commission,

WHEREAS the General Conference of the Agency on 18 September 1964 adopted Resolution GC(VIII)/RES/179 calling for the conclusion of an agreement establishing close collaboration between the Agency and the Scientific, Technical and Research Commission, which has since become the Educational, Scientific, Cultural and Health Commission,

NOW THEREFORE the Agency and the Organization have decided to conclude an agreement for co-operation and have agreed as follows:

ARTICLE I

Co-operation and Consultation

1. With a view to facilitating attainment of the objectives of the Agency as set forth in its Statute, namely to accelerate and enlarge the contribution of atomic energy to peace, health and prosperity throughout the world, and the objectives of the Organization as set forth in its Charter, namely to co-ordinate and promote co-operation in scientific matters within Africa, the Agency and the Organization agree to maintain close co-operation and to consult regularly in regard to matters of common interest.
2. Accordingly, when either organization proposes to initiate a programme or activity on a subject in which the other organization has or may have a substantial interest, it shall consult the latter organization with a view to harmonizing their efforts as far as possible, taking into account their world-wide and continental responsibilities respectively.

ARTICLE II

Reciprocal Representation

1. Representatives of the Agency shall be invited to attend the sessions of the Educational, Scientific, Cultural and Health Commission and to participate without vote in its deliberations.
2. Representatives of the Organization shall be invited to attend the regular annual sessions of the General Conference of the Agency and to participate without vote in the deliberations of that body and, where appropriate, of its committees with regard to items on the agenda which are of interest to the Educational, Scientific, Cultural and Health Commission.

3. As necessary, appropriate arrangements shall be made by agreement for the reciprocal representation of the Agency and the Organization at other meetings convened under their respective auspices to consider scientific, technical and research matters of common interest.

ARTICLE III

Exchange of Information and Documents

1. Subject to such arrangements as may be necessary for safeguarding confidential information, the Agency and the Organization shall keep each other fully informed concerning all projected activities and all programmes of work which may be of interest to both organizations.
2. With a view to ensuring maximum co-operation in the statistical and legislative field, and minimizing the burdens placed on national Governments and other organizations from which such information may be collected, the Agency and the Organization undertake to avoid duplication between them with respect to the collection, compilation and publication of statistical and legislative information and to consult each other on the most efficient use of information, resources and technical personnel in the statistical and legislative field.
3. The Agency and the Organization recognise that it will sometimes be necessary to apply certain restrictions for the purpose of safeguarding confidential information furnished to them. It is therefore agreed that nothing in this Agreement shall be construed as requiring either of them to furnish information, the dissemination of which would, in the judgement of the organization possessing the information, betray the confidence of any of its Members, or of anyone from whom it has received such information, or interfere with the orderly conduct of its operations.
4. The Agency and the Organization shall, at the request of either organization, arrange for consultations regarding the provision by either organization of any specific information that may be of interest to the other.

ARTICLE IV

Co-operation between Secretariats

The Secretariat of the Agency and the Secretariat of the Organization shall maintain a close working relationship on scientific, technical and research matters, in accordance with such arrangements as may have been agreed upon from time to time.

ARTICLE V

Administrative and Technical Co-operation

1. The Agency and the Organization agree to consult each other, where appropriate, regarding the use of personnel, materials, services, equipment, facilities or joint undertakings of either organization in fields of common interest.
2. The Agency and the Organization may make appropriate arrangements for co-operation in the use for training and research of facilities and joint undertakings available to either organization for these purposes.

ARTICLE VI

Financing of Special Services

If assistance requested by either organization of the other under the terms of this Agreement involves substantial expenditure, consultation shall take place with a view to determining the most equitable manner of meeting such expenditure.

ARTICLE VII

Implementation of the Agreement

The Director General of the Agency and the Administrative Secretary-General of the Organization may enter into such administrative arrangements for the implementation of this Agreement as may be found desirable in the light of the two organizations' experience.

ARTICLE VIII

Notification to the United Nations and Filing and Recording

1. In accordance with its Relationship Agreement with the United Nations, the Agency will inform the United Nations forthwith of the terms of this Agreement.
2. On the coming into force of this Agreement in accordance with the provisions of Article XI it will be communicated to the Secretary-General of the United Nations for filing and recording.

ARTICLE IX

Revision of the Agreement

This Agreement shall be subject to revision by agreement between the Agency and the Organization.

ARTICLE X

Denunciation of the Agreement

The Agency or the Organization may denounce this Agreement by giving six months' notice to the other.

ARTICLE XI

Entry into Force

This Agreement shall come into force upon its signature by the Director General of the Agency and the Administrative Secretary-General of the Organization once the statutory requirements of both organizations have been fulfilled.

THE ORGANIZATION OF
AFRICAN UNITY

(Signed)
Administrative Secretary-General

THE INTERNATIONAL
ATOMIC ENERGY AGENCY

(Signed)
Director General

