

AGREEMENTS  
WITH OTHER INTERGOVERNMENTAL  
ORGANIZATIONS

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**AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE WORLD HEALTH  
ORGANIZATION AND THE PAN AMERICAN  
HEALTH ORGANIZATION<sup>1</sup>**

Whereas Chapter XI of the Constitution of the World Health Organization provides that the Pan American Sanitary Organization<sup>2</sup> represented by the Pan American Sanitary Bureau and the Pan American Sanitary Conference shall in due course be integrated with the World Health Organization and that such integration shall be effected as soon as practicable through common action based on mutual consent of the competent authorities expressed through the organizations concerned; and

Whereas the World Health Organization and the Pan American Sanitary Organization have agreed that measures towards the implementation of such action by the conclusion of an agreement shall be taken when at least fourteen American countries shall have ratified the Constitution of the World Health Organization; and

Whereas on the twenty-second of April 1949 this condition was satisfied,

IT IS HEREBY AGREED AS FOLLOWS:

*Article 1*

The States and territories of the Western Hemisphere make up the geographical area of a regional organization of the World Health Organization, as provided in Chapter XI of its Constitution.

*Article 2*

The Pan American Sanitary Conference, through the Directing Council of the Pan American Sanitary Organization and the Pan American Sanitary Bureau, shall serve respectively as the Regional Committee and the Regional Office of the World Health Organization for the Western Hemisphere, within the provisions of the Constitution of the World Health Organization. In deference to tradition, both organizations shall retain their

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<sup>1</sup> Approved by the Second World Health Assembly on 30 June 1949 in resolution WHA2.91.

<sup>2</sup> Renamed "Pan American Health Organization" by decision of the XV Pan American Sanitary Conference, September-October 1958.

respective names, to which shall be added “Regional Committee of the World Health Organization” and “Regional Office of the World Health Organization” respectively.

#### *Article 3*

The Pan American Sanitary Conference may adopt and promote health and sanitary conventions and programmes in the Western Hemisphere, provided that such conventions and programmes are compatible with the policy and programmes of the World Health Organization and are separately financed.

#### *Article 4*

When this Agreement enters into force, the Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau shall assume, subject to the provisions of Article 2, the post of Regional Director of the World Health Organization, until the termination of the period for which he was elected. Thereafter, the Regional Director shall be appointed in accordance with the provisions of Articles 49 and 52 of the World Health Organization Constitution.

#### *Article 5*

In accordance with the provisions of Article 51 of the Constitution of the World Health Organization, the Director-General of the World Health Organization shall receive from the Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau full information regarding the administration and the operations of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau as the Regional Office for the Western Hemisphere.

#### *Article 6*

An adequate proportion of the budget of the World Health Organization shall be allocated for regional work.

#### *Article 7*

The annual budget estimates for the expenses of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau as the Regional Office for the Western Hemisphere shall be prepared by the Regional Director and shall be submitted to the Director-General for his consideration in the preparation of the annual budget estimates of the World Health Organization.

#### *Article 8*

The funds allocated to the Pan American Sanitary Bureau, as Regional Office of the World Health Organization, under the budget of the World

Health Organization, shall be managed in accordance with the financial policies and procedures of the World Health Organization.

*Article 9*

This Agreement may be supplemented with the consent of both parties, on the initiative of either party.

*Article 10*

This Agreement shall enter into force upon its approval by the World Health Assembly and signature by the Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau, acting on behalf of the Pan American Sanitary Conference, provided that fourteen of the American Republics have at that time deposited their instruments of acceptance of the Constitution of the World Health Organization.

*Article 11*

In case of doubt or difficulty in interpretation, the English text shall govern.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF this Agreement was done and signed at Washington on this twenty-fourth day of May nineteen hundred and forty-nine in four copies, two in English and two in French.

For the World Health  
Organization:  
Brock CHISHOLM,  
*Director-General*

For the Pan American  
Sanitary Conference:  
Fred SOPER,  
*The Director*

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## **AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE UNITED NATIONS AND THE WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION<sup>1</sup>**

### *Preamble*

Article 57 of the Charter of the United Nations provides that specialized agencies established by intergovernmental agreement and having wide international responsibilities as defined in their basic instruments in economic, social, cultural, educational, health and related fields shall be brought into relationship with the United Nations.

Article 69 of the Constitution of the World Health Organization provides that the Organization shall be brought into relation with the United Nations as one of the specialized agencies referred to in Article 57 of the Charter.

Therefore, the United Nations and the World Health Organization agree as follows:

### *Article I*

The United Nations recognizes the World Health Organization as the specialized agency responsible for taking such action as may be appropriate under its Constitution for the accomplishment of the objectives set forth therein.

### *Article II – Reciprocal Representation*

1. Representatives of the United Nations shall be invited to attend the meetings of the World Health Assembly and its committees, the Executive Board, and such general, regional or other special meetings as the Organization may convene, and to participate, without vote, in the deliberations of these bodies.

2. Representatives of the World Health Organization shall be invited to attend the meetings of the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations (hereinafter called the Council) and of its commissions and committees, and to participate, without vote, in the deliberations of these bodies with respect to items on their agenda relating to health matters.

3. Representatives of the World Health Organization shall be invited to attend meetings of the General Assembly for purposes of consultation on matters within the scope of its competence.

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<sup>1</sup> Adopted by the First World Health Assembly on 10 July 1948 (*Off. Rec. Wld Hlth Org.*, 13, 81, 321).

4. Representatives of the World Health Organization shall be invited to attend meetings of the main committees of the General Assembly when matters within the scope of its competence are under discussion, and to participate, without vote, in such discussions.

5. Representatives of the World Health Organization shall be invited to attend the meetings of the Trusteeship Council, and to participate, without vote, in the deliberations thereof with respect to items on the agenda relating to matters within the competence of the World Health Organization.

6. Written statements of the World Health Organization shall be distributed by the Secretariat of the United Nations to all Members of the General Assembly, the Council and its commissions and the Trusteeship Council as appropriate. Similarly, written statements presented by the United Nations shall be distributed by the World Health Organization to all members of the World Health Assembly or the Executive Board, as appropriate.

### *Article III – Proposal of Agenda Items*

Subject to such preliminary consultation as may be necessary, the World Health Organization shall include on the agenda of the Health Assembly or Executive Board, as appropriate, items proposed to it by the United Nations. Similarly, the Council and its commissions and the Trusteeship Council shall include on their agenda items proposed by the World Health Organization.

### *Article IV – Recommendations of the United Nations*

1. The World Health Organization, having regard to the obligation of the United Nations to promote the objectives set forth in Article 55 of the Charter, and the function and power of the Council, under Article 62 of the Charter, to make or initiate studies and reports with respect to international, economic, social, cultural, educational, health and related matters and to make recommendations concerning these matters to the specialized agencies concerned, and having regard also to the responsibility of the United Nations, under Articles 58 and 63 of the Charter, to make recommendations for the co-ordination of the policies and activities of such specialized agencies, agrees to arrange for the submission, as soon as possible, to the Health Assembly, the Executive Board or such other organ of the World Health Organization as may be appropriate, of all formal recommendations which the United Nations may make to it.

2. The World Health Organization agrees to enter into consultation with the United Nations, upon request, with respect to such recommendations,

and in due course to report to the United Nations on the action taken by the Organization or by its members to give effect to such recommendations, or on the other results of their consideration.

3. The World Health Organization affirms its intention of co-operating in whatever further measures may be necessary to make co-ordination of the activities of specialized agencies and those of the United Nations fully effective. In particular, it agrees to participate in and to co-operate with any body or bodies which the Council may establish for the purpose of facilitating such co-ordination and to furnish such information as may be required for the carrying-out of this purpose.

#### *Article V – Exchange of Information and Documents*

1. Subject to such arrangements as may be necessary for the safeguarding of confidential material, the fullest and promptest exchange of information and documents shall be made between the United Nations and the World Health Organization.

2. Without prejudice to the generality of the provisions of paragraph 1:

- (a) The World Health Organization agrees to transmit to the United Nations regular reports on the activities of the Organization;
- (b) The World Health Organization agrees to comply to the fullest extent practicable with any request which the United Nations may make for the furnishing of special reports, studies or information, subject to the conditions set forth in Article XVI;
- (c) The Secretary-General shall, upon request, transmit to the Director-General of the World Health Organization such information, documents or other material as may from time to time be agreed between them.

#### *Article VI – Public Information*

Having regard to the functions of the World Health Organization, as defined in Article 2, paragraphs (q) and (r) of its Constitution, to provide information in the field of health and to assist in developing an informed public opinion among all peoples on matters of health, and with a view to furthering co-operation and developing joint services in the field of public information between the Organization and the United Nations, a subsidiary agreement on such matters shall be concluded as soon as possible after the coming-into-force of the present agreement.

*Article VII – Assistance to the Security Council*

The World Health Organization agrees to co-operate with the Council in furnishing such information and rendering such assistance for the maintenance or restoration of international peace and security as the Security Council may request.

*Article VIII – Assistance to the Trusteeship Council*

The World Health Organization agrees to co-operate with the Trusteeship Council in the carrying-out of its functions, and in particular agrees that it will, to the greatest extent possible, render such assistance as the Trusteeship Council may request in regard to matters with which the Organization is concerned.

*Article IX – Non-self-governing Territories*

The World Health Organization agrees to co-operate with the United Nations in giving effect to the principles and obligations set forth in Chapter XI of the Charter with regard to matters affecting the well-being and development of the peoples of non-self-governing territories.

*Article X – Relations with the International Court of Justice*

1. The World Health Organization agrees to furnish any information which may be requested by the International Court of Justice in pursuance of Article 34 of the Statute of the Court.

2. The General Assembly authorizes the World Health Organization to request advisory opinions of the International Court of Justice on legal questions arising within the scope of its competence other than questions concerning the mutual relationships of the Organization and the United Nations or other specialized agencies.

3. Such requests may be addressed to the Court by the Health Assembly or by the Executive Board acting in pursuance of an authorization by the Health Assembly.

4. When requesting the International Court of Justice to give an advisory opinion, the World Health Organization shall inform the Economic and Social Council of the request.

*Article XI – Headquarters and Regional Offices*

1. The World Health Organization agrees to consult with the United Nations before making any decision concerning the location of its permanent headquarters.

2. Any regional or branch offices which the World Health Organization may establish shall, so far as practicable, be closely associated with such regional or branch offices as the United Nations may establish.

### *Article XII – Personnel Arrangements*

1. The United Nations and the World Health Organization recognize that the eventual development of a single unified international civil service is desirable from the standpoint of effective administrative co-ordination, and with this end in view agree to develop as far as practicable common personnel standards, methods and arrangements designed to avoid serious discrepancies in terms and conditions of employment, to avoid competition in recruitment of personnel and to facilitate interchange of personnel in order to obtain the maximum benefit from their services.

2. The United Nations and the World Health Organization agree to co-operate to the fullest extent possible in achieving these ends, and in particular they agree to:

- (a) Consult together concerning the establishment of an international civil service commission to advise on the means by which common standards of recruitment in the secretariats of the United Nations and of the specialized agencies may be ensured;
- (b) Consult together concerning other matters relating to the employment of their officers and staff, including conditions of service, duration of appointments, classification, salary scales and allowances, retirement and pension rights, and staff regulations and rules, with a view to securing as much uniformity in these matters as shall be found practicable;
- (c) Co-operate in the interchange of personnel, when desirable, on a temporary or permanent basis, making due provision for the retention of seniority and pension rights;
- (d) Co-operate in the establishment and operation of suitable machinery for the settlement of disputes arising in connexion with the employment of personnel and related matters.

### *Article XIII – Statistical Services*

1. The United Nations and the World Health Organization agree to strive for maximum co-operation, the elimination of all undesirable duplication between them, and the most efficient use of their technical personnel in their respective collection, analysis, publication and dissemination of statistical information. They agree to combine their efforts to secure the greatest



possible usefulness and utilization of statistical information and to minimize the burdens placed upon national governments and other organizations from which such information may be collected.

2. The World Health Organization recognizes the United Nations as the central agency for the collection, analysis, publication, standardization, dissemination and improvement of statistics serving the general purposes of international organizations.

3. The United Nations recognizes the World Health Organization as the appropriate agency for the collection, analysis, publication, standardization, dissemination and improvement of statistics within its special sphere, without prejudice to the right of the United Nations to concern itself with such statistics so far as they may be essential for its own purposes or for the improvement of statistics throughout the world.

4. The United Nations shall, in consultation with the specialized agencies, develop administrative instruments and procedures through which effective statistical co-operation may be secured between the United Nations and the agencies brought into relationship with it.

5. It is recognized as desirable that the collection of statistical information should not be duplicated by the United Nations or any of the specialized agencies whenever it is practicable for any of them to utilize information or materials which another may have available.

6. In order to build up a central collection of statistical information for general use, it is agreed that data supplied to the World Health Organization for incorporation in its basic statistical series or special reports should, so far as practicable, be made available to the United Nations.

#### *Article XIV – Administrative and Technical Services*

1. The United Nations and the World Health Organization recognize the desirability, in the interest of administrative and technical uniformity and of the most efficient use of personnel and resources, of avoiding, whenever possible, the establishment and operation of competitive or overlapping facilities and services among the United Nations and the specialized agencies.

2. Accordingly, the United Nations and the World Health Organization agree to consult together concerning the establishment and use of common administrative and technical services and facilities, in addition to those referred to in Articles XII, XIII and XV, in so far as the establishment and use of such services may, from time to time, be found practicable and appropriate.

3. Arrangements shall be made between the United Nations and the World Health Organization in regard to the registration and deposit of official documents.

*Article XV – Budgetary and Financial Arrangements*

1. The World Health Organization recognizes the desirability of establishing close budgetary and financial relationships with the United Nations, in order that the administrative operations of the United Nations and of the specialized agencies shall be carried out in the most efficient and economical manner possible, and that the maximum measure of co-ordination and uniformity with respect to these operations shall be secured.

2. The United Nations and the World Health Organization agree to cooperate to the fullest extent possible in achieving these ends and, in particular, shall consult together concerning the desirability of the inclusion of the budget of the Organization within a general budget of the United Nations. Any arrangements to this effect shall be defined in a supplementary agreement between the two organizations.

3. Pending the conclusion of any such agreement, the following arrangement shall govern budgetary and financial relationships between the World Health Organization and the United Nations:

- (a) The Secretary-General and the Director-General shall arrange for consultation in connexion with the preparation of the budget of the World Health Organization.
- (b) The World Health Organization agrees to transmit its proposed budget to the United Nations annually at the same time as such budget is transmitted to its members. The General Assembly shall examine the budget or proposed budget of the Organization and may make recommendations to it concerning any item or items contained therein.
- (c) Representatives of the World Health Organization shall be entitled to participate, without vote, in the deliberations of the General Assembly or any committee thereof, at all times when the budget of the World Health Organization or general administrative or financial questions affecting the Organization are under consideration.
- (d) The United Nations may undertake the collection of contributions from those members of the World Health Organization which are also Members of the United Nations, in accordance with such arrangements as may be defined by a later agreement between the United Nations and the Organization.
- (e) The United Nations shall, upon its own initiative or upon the request of the World Health Organization, arrange for studies to be undertaken

concerning other financial and fiscal questions of interest to the Organization and to other specialized agencies, with a view to the provision of common services and the securing of uniformity in such matters.

- (f) The World Health Organization agrees to conform, as far as may be practicable, to standard practices and forms recommended by the United Nations.

#### *Article XVI – Financing of Special Services*

1. In the event of the World Health Organization being faced with the necessity of incurring substantial extra expense as a result of any request which the United Nations may make for special reports, studies or assistance in accordance with Articles V, VII, VIII, or with other provisions of this agreement, consultation shall take place with a view to determining the most equitable manner in which such expense shall be borne.

2. Consultation between the United Nations and the World Health Organization shall similarly take place with a view to making such arrangements as may be found equitable for covering the cost of central administrative, technical or fiscal services or facilities or other special assistance provided by the United Nations, in so far as they apply to the World Health Organization.

#### *Article XVII – Laissez-passer*

Officials of the World Health Organization shall have the right to use the *laissez-passer* of the United Nations in accordance with special arrangements to be negotiated between the Secretary-General of the United Nations and the Director-General of the World Health Organization.

#### *Article XVIII – Interagency Agreements*

The World Health Organization agrees to inform the Council of any formal agreement between the Organization and any other specialized agency, intergovernmental organization or non-governmental organization and in particular agrees to inform the Council of the nature and scope of any such agreement before it is concluded.

#### *Article XIX – Liaison*

1. The United Nations and the World Health Organization agree to the foregoing provisions in the belief that they will contribute to the maintenance of effective liaison between the two organizations. They affirm their

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intention of taking whatever further measures may be necessary to make this liaison fully effective.

2. The liaison arrangements provided for in the foregoing articles of this agreement shall apply as far as appropriate to the relations between such branch or regional offices as may be established by the two organizations, as well as between their central headquarters.

*Article XX – Implementation of the Agreement*

The Secretary-General and the Director-General may enter into such supplementary arrangements for the implementation of this agreement as may be found desirable, in the light of the operating experience of the two organizations.

*Article XXI – Revision*

This agreement shall be subject to revision by agreement between the United Nations and the World Health Organization.

*Article XXII – Entry-into-Force*

This agreement shall come into force on its approval by the General Assembly of the United Nations and the World Health Assembly.

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**AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE INTERNATIONAL  
LABOUR ORGANISATION AND THE WORLD  
HEALTH ORGANIZATION<sup>1</sup>**

*Article I – Co-operation and Consultation*

The International Labour Organisation and the World Health Organization agree that, with a view to facilitating the effective attainment of the objectives set forth in their respective Constitutions 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.

*Article II – Reciprocal Representation*

1. Representatives of the International Labour Organisation shall be invited to attend the meetings of the Executive Board of the World Health Organization and the World Health Assembly and to participate without vote in the deliberations of each of these bodies and of their commissions and committees with respect to items on their agenda in which the International Labour Organisation has an interest.

2. Representatives of the World Health Organization shall be invited to attend the meetings of the Governing Body of the International Labour Office and the International Labour Conference and to participate without vote in the deliberations of each of these bodies and of their committees with respect to items on their agenda in which the World Health Organization has an interest.

3. Appropriate arrangements shall be made by agreement from time to time for the reciprocal representation of the International Labour Organisation and the World Health Organization at other meetings convened under their respective auspices which consider matters in which the other organization has an interest.

*Article III – ILO/WHO Joint Committees*

1. The International Labour Organisation and the World Health Organization may refer to a joint committee any question of common interest which it may appear desirable to refer to such a committee.

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<sup>1</sup> Adopted by the First World Health Assembly on 10 July 1948 (*Off. Rec. Wld Hlth Org.*, **13**, 81, 322); see also resolution WHA2.101.

2. Any such joint committee shall consist of representatives appointed by each organization, the number to be appointed by each being decided by agreement between the two organizations.

3. The United Nations shall be invited to designate a representative to attend the meetings of any such joint committee; the committee may also invite other specialized agencies to be represented at its meetings as may be found desirable.

4. The reports of any such joint committee shall be communicated to the Director-General of each organization for submission to the appropriate body or bodies of the two organizations; a copy of the reports of the committee shall be communicated to the Secretary-General of the United Nations for the information of the Economic and Social Council.

5. Any such joint committee shall regulate its own procedure.

#### *Article IV – Exchange of Information and Documents*

1. Subject to such arrangements as may be necessary for the safeguarding of confidential material, the fullest and promptest exchange of information and documents shall be made between the International Labour Organisation and the World Health Organization.

2. The Director-General of the International Labour Office and the Director-General of the World Health Organization, or their authorized representatives, shall, upon the request of either party, consult with each other regarding the provision by either organization of such information as may be of interest to the other.

#### *Article V – Personnel Arrangements*

The International Labour Organisation and the World Health Organization agree that the measures to be taken by them, within the framework of the general arrangements for co-operation in regard to staff personnel to be 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 retention of seniority and pension rights.

#### *Article VI – Statistical Services*

1. The International Labour Organisation and the World Health Organization agree to strive, within the framework of the general arrangements for

statistical co-operation made by the United Nations, for maximum co-operation with a view to the most efficient use of their technical personnel in their respective collection, analysis, publication, standardization, improvement and dissemination of statistical information. They recognize the desirability of avoiding duplication in the collection of statistical information whenever it is practicable for either of them to utilize information or materials which the other may have available or may be specially qualified and prepared to collect, and agree to combine their efforts to secure the greatest possible usefulness and utilization of statistical information, and to minimize the burdens placed upon national governments and other organizations from which such information may be collected.

2. The International Labour Organisation and the World Health Organization agree to keep each other informed of their work in the field of statistics and to consult each other in regard to all statistical projects dealing with matters of common interest.

#### *Article VII – 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 VIII – Implementation of the Agreement*

1. The Director-General of the International Labour Office and the Director-General of the World Health Organization may enter into such supplementary arrangements for the implementation of this agreement as may be found desirable in the light of the operating experience of the two organizations.

2. The liaison arrangements provided for in the foregoing articles of this agreement shall apply as far as appropriate to the relations between such branch or regional offices as may be established by the two organizations as well as between their central machinery.

#### *Article IX – Notification to and Registration by the United Nations*

1. In accordance with their respective agreements with the United Nations, the International Labour Organisation and the World Health Organization will inform the Economic and Social Council forthwith of the terms of the present agreement.

2. On the coming-into-force of the present 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, in pursuance of Article 10 of the Regulations, to give effect to Article 102 of the Charter of the United Nations adopted by the General Assembly of the United Nations on 14 December 1946.

*Article X – Revision and Termination*

1. This agreement shall be subject to revision by agreement between the International Labour Organisation and the World Health Organization and shall be reviewed in any case not later than three years after the agreement has come into force.

2. If agreement on the subject of revision cannot be reached, the agreement may be terminated by either party on 31 December of any year by notice to the other party not later than 30 September of that year.

*Article XI – Entry-into-Force*

This agreement shall come into force on its approval by the Governing Body of the International Labour Office and by the World Health Assembly.

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**AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE FOOD AND  
AGRICULTURE ORGANIZATION OF THE UNITED NATIONS  
AND THE WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION<sup>1</sup>**

*Article I – Co-operation and Consultation*

The Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations and the World Health Organization agree that, with a view to facilitating the effective attainment of the objectives set forth in their respective Constitutions 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.

*Article II – Reciprocal Representation*

1. Representatives of FAO shall be invited to attend the meetings of the Executive Board of WHO and of the World Health Assembly and to participate without vote in the deliberations of each of these bodies and of their commissions and committees with respect to items on their agenda in which FAO has an interest.

2. Representatives of WHO shall be invited to attend the meetings of the Executive Committee of FAO, or its successor, and the Conference of FAO and to participate without vote in the deliberations of each of these bodies and of their commissions and committees with respect to items on their agenda in which WHO has an interest.

3. Appropriate arrangements shall be made by agreement from time to time for the reciprocal representation of FAO and WHO at other meetings convened under their respective auspices which consider matters in which the other organization has an interest.

*Article III – FAO/WHO Joint Committees*

1. FAO and WHO may refer to a joint committee any question of common interest which it may appear desirable to refer to such a committee.

2. Any such joint committee shall consist of representatives appointed by each organization, the number to be appointed by each being decided by agreement between the two organizations.

3. Representatives of the United Nations and of other specialized agen-

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<sup>1</sup> Adopted by the First World Health Assembly on 17 July 1948 (*Off. Rec. Wld Hlth Org.*, 13, 96, 323).

cies of the United Nations will be invited to attend the meetings of joint committees and to participate without vote in their deliberations.

4. The reports of any such joint committee shall be communicated to the Director-General of each organization for submission to the appropriate body or bodies of the two organizations.

5. Any such joint committee shall regulate its own internal procedure.

6. Arrangements for the provision of suitable secretariat services for any such joint committee shall be made by agreement between the Director-General of FAO and the Director-General of WHO, or their representatives.

#### *Article IV – FAO/WHO Joint Missions*

FAO and WHO may establish joint missions under similar arrangements and procedure to those set forth in Article III.

#### *Article V – Exchange of Information and Documents*

1. The Director-General of each organization shall keep the other organization fully informed concerning all programmes of work and projected activities in which there may be mutual interest.

2. Subject to such arrangements as may be necessary for the safeguarding of confidential material, the fullest and promptest exchange of information and documents shall be made between FAO and WHO.

3. The Director-General of FAO and the Director-General of WHO, or their representatives, shall, upon the request of either party, consult with each other regarding the provision by either organization of such special information as may be of interest to the other.

#### *Article VI – Inter-secretariat Committees*

The Directors-General of the two organizations, or their representatives, may, when they consider it desirable, establish by agreement inter-secretariat committees to facilitate co-operation in connexion with specific programmes of work or projected activities with which the two organizations may be mutually concerned.

#### *Article VII – Personnel Arrangements*

FAO and WHO agree that the measures to be taken by them, within the framework of the general arrangements for co-operation in regard to staff personnel to be made by the United Nations, will include:

(a) Measures to avoid competition in the recruitment of their staff person-

nel, including prior consultation concerning appointments in the technical fields with which both organizations are concerned: 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 retention of seniority and pension rights.

#### *Article VIII – Statistical Services*

1. FAO and WHO agree to strive, within the framework of the general arrangements for statistical co-operation made by the United Nations, for maximum co-operation with a view to the most efficient use of their technical personnel in their respective collection, analysis, publication, standardization, improvement and dissemination of statistical information. They recognize the desirability of avoiding duplication in the collection of statistical information whenever it is practicable for either of them to utilize information or materials which the other may have available or may be especially qualified and prepared to collect, and agree to combine their efforts to secure the greatest possible usefulness and utilization of statistical information, and to minimize the burdens placed upon national governments and other organizations from which such information may be collected.

2. FAO and WHO agree to keep each other informed of their work in the field of statistics and to consult each other in regard to all statistical projects dealing with matters of common interest.

#### *Article IX – Financing of Special Services*

If compliance with a request for assistance made by either organization to the other involves or 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 – Regional and Branch Offices*

FAO and WHO agree to keep each other informed of plans for the initial establishment and relocation of regional and branch offices and to consult together with a view, where practicable, to entering into co-operative arrangements as to location, staffing and the use of common services.

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*Article XI – Implementation of the Agreement*

The Director-General of FAO and the Director-General of WHO shall enter into such supplementary arrangements for the implementation of this agreement as may be found desirable in the light of the operating experience of the two organizations.

*Article XII – Notification to and Registration  
by the United Nations*

1. In accordance with their respective agreements with the United Nations, FAO and WHO will inform the Economic and Social Council forthwith of the terms of the present agreement.

2. On the coming-into-force of the present agreement, in accordance with the provisions of Article XIV, it will be communicated to the Secretary-General of the United Nations for filing and recording, in pursuance of Article 10 of the Regulations, to give effect to Article 102 of the Charter of the United Nations, adopted by the General Assembly of the United Nations on 14 December 1946.

*Article XIII – Revision and Review*

This agreement shall be subject to revision by agreement between FAO and WHO, and shall be reviewed in any case not later than three years after the agreement has come into force.

*Article XIV – Entry-into-Force*

This agreement shall come into force on its approval by the Conference of FAO and by the World Health Assembly.

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**AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE UNITED NATIONS  
EDUCATIONAL, SCIENTIFIC AND CULTURAL  
ORGANIZATION  
AND THE WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION<sup>1</sup>**

*Article I – Co-operation and Consultation*

1. The World Health Organization and the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization agree that, with a view to facilitating the effective attainment of the objectives set forth in their respective Constitutions 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. In particular, it is recognized by UNESCO that WHO shall have the primary responsibility for the encouragement of research, education, and the organization of science in the fields of health and medicine, without prejudice to the right of UNESCO to concern itself with the relations between the pure and applied sciences in all fields, including the sciences basic to health.

3. In case of doubt as to the division of responsibility between the two organizations concerning any projected activity or programme of work, the organization initiating such activity or programme shall consult the other with a view to adjusting the matter by mutual agreement, either by referring it to an appropriate joint committee as provided in Article IV or by other means.

*Article II – Reciprocal Representation*

1. Representatives of WHO shall be invited to attend the meetings of the Executive Board and General Conference of UNESCO and to participate without vote in the deliberations of these bodies and of their commissions and committees with respect to items on their agenda in which WHO has an interest.

2. Representatives of UNESCO shall be invited to attend the meetings of the Executive Board of WHO and the World Health Assembly and to participate without vote in the deliberations of these bodies and of their commissions and committees with respect to items on their agenda in which UNESCO has an interest.

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<sup>1</sup> Adopted by the First World Health Assembly on 17 July 1948 (*Off. Rec. Wld Hlth Org.*, **13**, 96, 323).

3. Appropriate arrangements shall be made by agreement between the Directors-General of the two organizations, or their representatives, for the reciprocal representation of WHO and UNESCO at other meetings convened under their respective auspices which consider matters in which the other organization has an interest.

#### *Article III – Proposal of Agenda Items*

After such preliminary consultation as may be necessary, each organization shall include in the agenda of the meetings referred to in Article II any question which has been submitted to it by the other organization.

#### *Article IV – UNESCO/WHO Joint Committees*

1. UNESCO and WHO may refer to a joint committee any question of common interest which it may appear desirable to refer to such a committee.

2. Any such joint committee shall consist of representatives appointed by each organization, the number to be appointed by each being decided by agreement between the two organizations.

3. The United Nations shall be invited to designate a representative to attend the meetings of any such joint committee; the committee may also invite other specialized agencies to be represented at its meetings as may be found desirable.

4. The reports of each such joint committee shall be communicated to the Director-General of each organization for submission to the appropriate body or bodies of the two organizations; a copy of all such reports shall be communicated to the Secretary-General of the United Nations for the information of the Economic and Social Council.

5. Any such joint committee shall regulate its own procedure.

6. Arrangements for the provision of suitable secretariat services for any joint committee shall be made by agreement between the Directors-General of the two organizations, or their representatives.

#### *Article V – Exchange of Information and Documents*

1. The Secretariat of each organization agrees to keep the other fully informed concerning all projected activities and programmes of work in which there may be mutual interest.

2. Subject to such arrangements as may be necessary for the safeguarding of confidential material, the fullest and promptest exchange of information and documents shall be made between WHO and UNESCO.

3. The Director-General of WHO and the Director-General of UNESCO, or their representatives, shall, upon the request of either party, consult each other regarding the provision by either organization of such special information as may be of interest to the other.

#### *Article VI – Personnel Arrangements*

WHO and UNESCO agree that the measures to be taken by them, within the framework of the general arrangements for co-operation in regard to personnel matters to be made by the United Nations, will include:

- (a) Measures to avoid competition in the recruitment of their staff 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, with provision for the protection of seniority and pension rights.

#### *Article VII – Statistical Services*

1. WHO and UNESCO agree to strive, within the framework of the general arrangements for statistical co-operation made by the United Nations, for maximum co-operation with a view to the most efficient use of their technical personnel in their respective collection, analysis, publication, standardization, improvement and dissemination of statistical information. Both organizations recognize the desirability of avoiding duplication in the collection of statistical information whenever it is practicable for either of them to utilize information, materials or raw data which the other may have available or may be specifically qualified and prepared to collect, and agree to combine their efforts to secure the greatest possible usefulness and utilization of statistical information, and to minimize the burdens placed upon national governments and other organizations from which such information may be collected.

2. WHO and UNESCO agree to keep each other informed of their work in the field of statistics and to consult each other in regard to all statistical projects dealing with matters of common interest.

#### *Article VIII – Financing of Special Services*

If compliance with a request for assistance made by either organization to the other involves or 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.

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*Article IX – Regional and Branch Offices*

WHO and UNESCO agree to keep each other informed of plans for the establishment and relocation of regional and branch offices and to consult together with a view, where practicable, to entering into co-operative arrangements as to the premises, staffing and common services.

*Article X – Implementation of the Agreement*

The Director-General of WHO and the Director-General of UNESCO shall enter into such supplementary arrangements for the implementation of this agreement as may be found desirable in the light of operating experience.

*Article XI – Notification to and Registration by the United Nations*

1. In accordance with their respective agreements with the United Nations, WHO and UNESCO will inform the Economic and Social Council forthwith of the terms of the present agreement.

2. On the coming-into-force of the present agreement, it will be communicated to the Secretary-General of the United Nations for filing and recording, in pursuance of Article 10 of the Regulations, to give effect to Article 102 of the Charter of the United Nations adopted by the General Assembly on 14 December 1946.

*Article XII – Revision and Review*

1. This agreement shall be subject to revision by agreement between WHO and UNESCO and shall be reviewed in any case not later than three years after its entry-into-force.

2. If agreement on the subject of revision cannot be reached, the agreement may be terminated by either party on 31 December of any year by notice given to the other party not later than 30 September of that year.

*Article XIII – Entry-into-Force*

This agreement shall come into force on its approval by the World Health Assembly and by the Executive Board of UNESCO.

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**AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE INTERNATIONAL  
ATOMIC ENERGY AGENCY  
AND THE WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION<sup>1</sup>**

*Article I – Co-operation and Consultation*

1. The International Atomic Energy Agency and the World Health Organization 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. In particular, and in accordance with the Constitution of the World Health Organization and the Statute of the International Atomic Energy Agency and its agreement with the United Nations together with the exchange of letters related thereto, and taking into account the respective co-ordinating responsibilities of both organizations, it is recognized by the World Health Organization that the International Atomic Energy Agency has the primary responsibility for encouraging, assisting and co-ordinating research on, and development and practical application of, atomic energy for peaceful uses throughout the world without prejudice to the right of the World Health Organization to concern itself with promoting, developing, assisting, and co-ordinating international health work, including research, in all its aspects.

3. Whenever 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 with a view to adjusting the matter by mutual agreement.

*Article II – Reciprocal Representation*

1. Representatives of the World Health Organization 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 of its subsidiary organs (e.g. commissions and committees) with respect to items on their agenda in which the World Health Organization has an interest.

2. Representatives of the International Atomic Energy Agency shall be invited to attend the World Health Assembly and to participate without vote

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<sup>1</sup> Approved by the Twelfth World Health Assembly on 28 May 1959 in resolution WHA12.40.

in the deliberations of that body and of its subsidiary organs (e.g. commissions and committees) with respect to items on their agenda in which the International Atomic Energy Agency has an interest.

3. Representatives of the World Health Organization 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 World Health Organization has an interest.

4. Representatives of the International Atomic Energy Agency shall be invited as appropriate to attend meetings of the Executive Board of the World Health Organization 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 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 World Health Organization 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. The International Atomic Energy Agency and the World Health Organization recognize that they may find it necessary to apply certain limitations for the safeguarding 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 judgement 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.

2. 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 World Health Organization shall keep each other fully informed concerning all projected activities and all programmes of work which may be of interest to both parties.

3. The Director-General of the World Health Organization and the Director-General of the International Atomic Energy Agency 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 World Health Organization shall include on the provisional agenda of its Assembly or its Executive Board 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 World Health Organization. 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 World Health Organization shall maintain a close working relationship in accordance with such arrangements as may have been agreed upon from time to time between the Directors-General of both organizations. In particular, joint committees may be convened when appropriate to consider questions of substantive interest to both parties.

*Article VI – Technical and Administrative Co-operation*

1. The International Atomic Energy Agency and the World Health Organization 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.

2. The International Atomic Energy Agency and the World Health Organization agree that the measures to be taken by them, within the framework of any general arrangements for co-operating 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.

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*Article VII – Statistical Services*

In view of the desirability of maximum co-operation in the statistical field and of minimizing the burdens placed on national governments and other organizations from which information may be collected, the International Atomic Energy Agency and the World Health Organization undertake, bearing in mind the general arrangements for statistical co-operation made by the United Nations, to avoid undesirable duplication between them with respect to the collection, compilation and publication of statistics, to consult with each other on the most efficient use of information, resources, and technical personnel in the field of statistics and in regard to all statistical projects dealing with matters of common interest.

*Article VIII – Financing of Special Services*

If compliance with a request for assistance made by either organization to the other involves or 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 IX – Regional and Branch Offices*

The World Health Organization and the International Atomic Energy Agency agree to consult together with a view, where practicable, to entering into co-operative arrangements as to the use by either organization of the premises, staffing and common services of regional and branch offices which the other has already established or may establish later.

*Article X – Implementation of the Agreement*

The Director-General of the International Atomic Energy Agency and the Director-General of the World Health Organization 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 World Health Organization will inform the United Nations forthwith of the terms of the present agreement.

2. On the coming-into-force of this agreement it will be submitted to the Secretary-General of the United Nations for filing and recording in accordance with the existing regulations of the United Nations.

*Article XII – Revision and Termination*

1. This agreement shall be subject to revision by agreement between the World Health Organization and the International Atomic Energy Agency on the request of either party.

2. If agreement on the subject of revision cannot be reached, the agreement may be terminated by either party on 31 December of any year by notice given to the other party not later than 30 June of that year.

*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 by the World Health Assembly.

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**AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE INTERNATIONAL FUND  
FOR AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT  
AND THE WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION<sup>1</sup>**

WHEREAS the World Health Organization (hereinafter referred to as “WHO”) and the International Fund for Agricultural Development (hereinafter referred to as “IFAD”) have common interest in the well-being and health of the people in their Member countries, especially in the developing Member countries,

WHEREAS both organizations desire to cooperate with each other in order to achieve their common objectives,

WHEREAS Article 2(b) of the Constitution of WHO provides inter alia that the Organization shall establish and maintain effective collaboration with the United Nations and its specialized agencies,

WHEREAS Article 8, section 2, of the agreement establishing IFAD provides that IFAD shall cooperate closely with the organizations of the United Nations system,

WHO AND IFAD HAVE AGREED AS FOLLOWS:

*Article I – Competence of the Two Parties*

1.1 WHO recognizes IFAD's special role in mobilizing additional resources to be made available on concessional terms for agricultural development in its developing Member countries primarily for projects and programmes specifically designed to introduce, expand or improve food production systems and to strengthen related policies and institutions within the framework of national priorities and strategies, taking into consideration: the need to increase food production in the poorest food deficit countries; the potential for increasing food production in other developing countries; and the importance of improving the nutritional level of the poorest populations in developing countries and the conditions of their lives.

1.2 IFAD recognizes WHO's special role in international health work, in particular in such fields as health of rural people, improvement of nutrition and control of communicable diseases.

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<sup>1</sup> Approved by the Thirty-third World Health Assembly on 23 May 1980 in resolution WHA33.21.

*Article II – Consultation and Cooperation*

2.1 WHO and IFAD agree to keep each other regularly informed about their respective activities of mutual interest in the area of agricultural development, especially in their common developing Member countries.

2.2 WHO shall endeavour to bring to the attention of IFAD such programmes and projects as may *prima facie* be suitable for assistance from IFAD, and to the extent possible IFAD shall keep WHO informed about the suitability of such programmes and projects for assistance from IFAD.

2.3 Any activity in which the two parties cooperate shall be carried out in conformity with the policies and regulations of the two organizations.

*Article III – Areas of Cooperation*

3.1 Without prejudice to cooperation in additional fields the two parties agree to consider the following activities as potential fields for mutual cooperation:

- 3.1.1 programmes and projects designed to increase food production with the improvement of the nutritional status as an essential component, particularly among rural populations;
- 3.1.2 promotion of appropriate environmental health measures and safeguards as part of agricultural development projects, including the prevention and control of waterborne and other communicable diseases which may be facilitated by irrigation and other agricultural development projects;
- 3.1.3 rural development programmes which include the improvement of health conditions and community water supply as integral elements.

*Article IV – Methods of Cooperation*

4.1 Subject to such arrangements as may be necessary to safeguard the confidentiality of any information or document, WHO and IFAD shall provide each other with all such data, documents and information as may be necessary for any activity to be carried out under this agreement.

4.2 The two parties shall, to the extent they deem desirable by mutual consent, provide assistance to each other in studies in the fields of mutual concern.

4.3 IFAD shall whenever it deems appropriate request WHO to assist IFAD in the missions related to its operational activities, with a view to ensuring and facilitating as may be relevant collaboration between the two parties in

the planning, implementation and evaluation stages of projects of mutual interest to the two parties.

4.4 WHO and IFAD shall cooperate fully on terms and conditions satisfactory to each other. IFAD, in carrying out its functions, shall make use, as it deems appropriate, of the services and expertise of WHO.

#### *Article V – Administrative Arrangements*

5.1 WHO and IFAD shall cooperate to make arrangements they deem necessary for efficient contacts at the technical and coordination level, including as required visits by staff members to the respective headquarters and regional offices.

#### *Article VI – Reciprocal Representation*

6.1 WHO shall invite IFAD to be represented at sessions of the World Health Assembly, and such other meetings held under the auspices of WHO as are of interest to IFAD, and to participate without the right to vote in their deliberations on items on their agenda in which IFAD has an interest.

6.2 IFAD shall invite WHO to be represented at meetings of its Governing Council, and such other meetings held under the auspices of IFAD which are not restricted to statutory membership and are of interest to WHO, and to participate without the right to vote in their deliberations on items on their agenda in which WHO has an interest.

#### *Article VII – Financial Arrangements*

7.1 IFAD shall reimburse WHO for all the direct staff costs and any additional indirect costs, for example, travel and per diem for services performed by WHO at the specific request of IFAD, and in accordance with financial arrangements to be agreed upon between the two parties.

#### *Article VIII – Final Provisions*

8.1 This Agreement shall enter into force on the date on which it is signed by the duly authorized representatives of WHO and IFAD.

8.2 This Agreement may be modified with the consent of the two parties in accordance with their respective constitutional procedures.

8.3 This Agreement may be terminated by mutual agreement, or may be denounced by either party giving the other party six months' written notice. Notwithstanding the expiry of a notice of termination, the two parties agree



that the provisions of this Agreement shall remain in full force to the extent necessary to permit the orderly conclusion of any activity undertaken pursuant to this Agreement.

8.4 The Director-General of WHO and the President of IFAD may enter into such supplementary arrangements within the scope of this Agreement as may be desirable in the light of the operating experience of the two organizations to implement this Agreement.

IN FAITH WHEREOF the President of the International Fund for Agricultural Development and the Director-General of the World Health Organization have signed the present Agreement in two copies, in French and English, both texts being equally authentic.

International Fund for  
Agricultural Development

Abdelmuhsin M. AL-SUDEARY  
President

World Health  
Organization

H. MAHLER, M.D  
Director-General

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## **AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE UNITED NATIONS INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATION AND THE WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION<sup>1</sup>**

### *Article 1 – Co-operation and Consultation*

With a view to facilitating the effective attainment of the objectives set forth in their respective Constitutions, the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (hereinafter referred to as “UNIDO”) and the World Health Organization (hereinafter referred to as “WHO”) agree that, within the general framework established by the Charter of the United Nations and by their respective Constitutions, they shall act in close co-operation with each other and they shall consult with each other regularly in regard to matters of common interest.

### *Article 2 – Reciprocal Representation*

1. Representatives of WHO shall be invited to attend the sessions of the General Conference and of the Industrial Development Board of UNIDO and to participate without vote in the deliberations of each of these bodies on matters of particular concern to WHO.

2. Representatives of UNIDO shall be invited to attend the sessions of the Executive Board of WHO and the World Health Assembly and to participate without vote in the deliberations of each of these bodies on matters of particular concern to UNIDO.

### *Article 3 – Proposal of Agenda Items*

Upon request by the other organization, and after such preliminary consultations as may be necessary, each organization shall include in the provisional agenda of the session respectively referred to in Article 2, paragraphs 1 and 2, any question which has been submitted to it by the other organization.

### *Article 4 – Exchange of Information and Documents*

Subject to such arrangements as may be necessary for the safeguarding of confidential material, the fullest and promptest exchange of information

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<sup>1</sup> Approved by the Forty-second World Health Assembly on 19 May 1989 in resolution WHA42.21.

and documentation shall be made between UNIDO and WHO. The information so provided shall in particular cover all projected activities and all programmes of work which may be of interest to the other party.

*Article 5 – Co-operation between Secretariats*

The Secretariat of UNIDO and the Secretariat of WHO shall maintain a close working relationship in accordance with such arrangements as may have been agreed upon from time to time between the Directors-General of UNIDO and WHO.

*Article 6 – UNIDO/WHO Joint Committees*

1. UNIDO and WHO may refer to a joint committee any questions of common interest which it may appear desirable to refer to such a committee.
2. Any such joint committee shall consist of representatives appointed by each organization, the number to be appointed by each being decided by agreement between the two organizations.

*Article 7 – Statistical Services*

UNIDO and WHO agree to keep each other informed of their work in the field of statistics and to consult each other in regard to all statistical projects dealing with matters of common interest.

*Article 8 – Personnel Arrangements*

WHO and UNIDO agree to co-operate in order to facilitate the interchange of staff and to promote efficiency and effective co-ordination on their respective activities. Such co-operation shall be in accordance with the Inter-Organization Agreement Concerning Transfer, Secondment or Loan of Staff among the Organizations Applying the United Nations Common System of Salaries and Allowances.

*Article 9 – 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.

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*Article 10 – Implementation of the Agreement*

The Directors-General of UNIDO and WHO 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 11 – Notification to the United Nations  
and Filing and Recording*

1. In accordance with their respective agreements with the United Nations, UNIDO and WHO shall 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 provisions of Article 13, it shall be communicated to the Secretary-General of the United Nations for filing and recording.

*Article 12 – Revision and Termination*

1. This Agreement shall be subject to revision by agreement between UNIDO and WHO.
2. It may be terminated by either party on 31 December of any year by written notice given not later than 30 June of that year.

*Article 13 – Entry-into-Force*

This Agreement shall enter into force upon having been approved by the Industrial Development Board of UNIDO and the World Health Assembly of WHO and signed by the Directors-General of UNIDO and WHO, respectively.

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**AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE WORLD HEALTH  
ORGANIZATION  
AND THE UNIVERSAL POSTAL UNION<sup>1</sup>**

*Preamble*

The World Health Organization (hereinafter referred to as WHO) and the Universal Postal Union (hereinafter referred to as the UPU),

Wishing to coordinate their efforts within the framework of the missions assigned to them,

Recognizing that the WHO is the United Nations specialized agency responsible for providing information, counsel, and assistance in the field of health; promoting cooperation among scientific and professional groups which contribute to the advancement of health; and advancing work in the prevention and control of the international spread of diseases,

Recognizing that the UPU is the United Nations specialized agency the purpose of which is to organize and improve the postal services and to promote, in this field, the safe transport of mail,

Recognizing the desirability of the UPU's cooperating, within the field of its competence, with WHO in promoting, among other things:

- (a) the safe transport of infectious substances;
- (b) the safe transport of diagnostic specimens;
- (c) the development of safer packaging systems at minimum cost;
- (d) the development of simple labelling to aid compliance;
- (e) the development of training programmes and awareness campaigns to introduce recommendations in all countries,

Have agreed on the following:

*Article I – Mutual consultation*

1 WHO and the UPU shall consult as needed on policy issues and matters of common interest for the purpose of realizing their objectives and coordinating their respective activities.

2 WHO and the UPU shall exchange information on developments in any of their fields and projects that are of mutual interest and shall reciprocally

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<sup>1</sup> Approved by the Fifty-second World Health Assembly on 24 May 1999 in resolution WHA52.6.

take observations concerning such activities into consideration with a view to promoting effective coordination.

3 When appropriate, consultations shall be arranged at the required level between representatives of the UPU and WHO to agree upon the most effective way in which to organize particular activities and to optimize the use of their resources in compliance with their respective mandates.

#### *Article II – Exchange of information*

1 WHO and the UPU shall combine their efforts to achieve the best use of all available information relevant to the transportation of infectious substances using the postal services.

#### *Article III – Reciprocal representation*

1 Appropriate arrangements may be made for the reciprocal representation at WHO and UPU meetings convened under their respective auspices and which consider matters in which the other party has an interest or technical competence.

2 The Director-General of the International Bureau of the UPU and the Director-General of WHO shall appoint a focal point with a view to ensuring the implementation of the provisions of the present Agreement.

#### *Article IV – Technical cooperation*

1 When in the interest of their respective activities, WHO and the UPU shall seek each other's expertise to optimize the effects of such activities.

2 The UPU shall endeavour, through its bodies as well as its Postal Security Action Group (PSAG), to sensitize the national postal administrations to the need to apply measures to ensure the safe transport of infectious substances.

3 By mutual agreement, the UPU and WHO shall associate themselves in the development and execution of programmes, projects and activities relating particularly to the safe transport of infectious substances through the post.

4 Joint activities to be conducted under the present Agreement shall be subject to the approval of individual project documents by both parties and shall be monitored under an agreed mechanism.

5 WHO and the UPU shall cooperate in evaluating such programmes, projects and activities as have common interest subject to mutual agreement on a case-by-case basis.

*Article V – Entry into force, modification and duration*

1 The present Agreement shall enter into force on the date on which it is signed by the Director-General of WHO and the Director-General of the International Bureau of the UPU, subject to the approval of the UPU Council of Administration and the World Health Assembly.

2 The Agreement may be modified by mutual consent expressed in writing. It may also be revoked by either party by giving six months' notice to the other party.

In witness whereof, the Director-General of the World Health Organization and the Director-General of the International Bureau of the Universal Postal Union sign the present Agreement in duplicate, in English and French, both texts being authentic, on the dates appearing under their respective signatures.

For the WHO:

Dr Gro Harlem Brundtland  
Director-General

Date: 9 February 1999

For the UPU  
(International Bureau):

Thomas E. Leavey  
Director-General

Date: 9 February 1999

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**AGREEMENT BETWEEN  
THE OFFICE INTERNATIONAL DES ÉPIZOOTIES AND  
THE WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION<sup>1</sup>**

The World Health Organization (hereinafter referred to as WHO) and the Office International des Épizooties (hereinafter referred to as the OIE) wishing to co-ordinate their efforts for the promotion and improvement of veterinary public health (VPH) and food security and safety, and to collaborate closely for this purpose

Have agreed to the following:

*Article 1*

- 1.1 WHO and the OIE agree to cooperate closely in matters of common interest pertaining to their respective fields of competence as defined by their respective constitutional instruments and by the decisions of their Governing Bodies.

*Article 2*

- 2.1 WHO shall transmit relevant resolutions of the World Health Assembly and the recommendations of relevant WHO consultations, workshops and other official WHO meetings to OIE for the purpose of circulating them to OIE Members.
- 2.2 The OIE shall transmit the recommendations and resolutions of its International Committee as well as the recommendations of relevant OIE consultations, workshops and other official OIE meetings to WHO for the purpose of circulating them to WHO Member States.
- 2.3 These resolutions and recommendations sent for the consideration of the respective bodies of the two Organizations (hereinafter referred to as the Parties) shall form the basis for coordinated international action between the two Parties.

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<sup>1</sup> Approved by the Fifty-seventh World Health Assembly on 22 May 2004 in resolution WHA57.7.



*Article 3*

- 3.1 Representatives of WHO shall be invited to attend the meetings of the International Committee and Regional Conferences of OIE and to participate without vote in the deliberations of these bodies with respect to items on their agenda in which WHO has an interest.
- 3.2 Representatives of OIE shall be invited to attend the meetings of the Executive Board and of the World Health Assembly and Regional Committees of WHO and to participate without vote in the deliberations of these bodies with respect to items on their agenda in which OIE has an interest.
- 3.3 Appropriate arrangements shall be made by agreement between the Director-General of WHO and the Director-General of OIE for participation of WHO and OIE in other meetings of a non-private character convened under their respective auspices which consider matters in which the other party has an interest; this especially involves those meetings leading to the definition of norms and standards.
- 3.4 The two Parties agree to avoid holding meetings and conferences dealing with matters of mutual interest without prior consultation with the other party.

*Article 4*

WHO and OIE shall collaborate in areas of common interest particularly by the following means:

- 4.1. Reciprocal exchange of reports, publications and other information, particularly the timely exchange of information on zoonotic and food-borne disease outbreaks. Special arrangements will be concluded between the two Parties to coordinate the response to outbreaks of zoonotic or/and foodborne diseases of recognized or potential international public health importance.
- 4.2 Organizing on both a regional and a world-wide basis meetings and conferences on zoonoses, food-borne diseases and related issues such as animal feeding practices and anti-microbial resistance related to the prudent use of anti-microbials in animal husbandry and their containment/control policies and programmes.
- 4.3 Joint elaboration, advocacy and technical support to national, regional or global programmes for the control or elimination of major

zoonotic and food-borne diseases or emerging/ re-emerging issues of common interest.

- 4.4 Promoting and strengthening, especially in developing countries, VPH education, operationalization of VPH and effective co-operation between the public health and animal health/veterinary sectors.
- 4.5 International promotion and coordination of research activities on zoonoses, VPH and food safety.
- 4.6 Promoting and strengthening collaboration between the network of OIE Reference Centres and Laboratories and that of WHO Collaborating Centres and Reference Laboratories to consolidate their support to WHO Member States and OIE Members on issues of common interest.

#### *Article 5*

- 5.1 WHO and OIE will, in the course of the preparation of their respective programmes of work, exchange their draft programmes for comment.
- 5.2 Each party will take into account the recommendations of the other in preparing its final programme for submission to its governing body.
- 5.3 WHO and OIE will conduct one annual coordinating meeting of high level officials from headquarters and/or regional representation.
- 5.4 The two Parties should devise administrative arrangements necessary to implement these policies, such as the sharing of experts, common organization of joint scientific and technical meetings, joint training of health and veterinary personnel.

#### *Article 6*

- 6.1 The present Agreement shall enter into force on the date on which it is signed by the Director-General of WHO and the Director-General of the OIE, subject to the approval of the International Committee of the OIE and the World Health Assembly.
- 6.2 This Agreement may be modified by mutual consent expressed in writing. It may also be terminated by either party by giving 6 months' notice in writing to the other party.

*Article 7*

- 7.1 This Agreement supersedes the Agreement between the WHO and OIE adopted by WHO on 4 August 1960 and by the OIE on 8 August 1960.

Signed in Geneva on 16 December 2004

for WHO

LEE Jong-wook  
Director-General

for OIE

Dr Bernard Vallat  
Director General

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