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**UNITED NATIONS  
and  
LEAGUE OF ARAB STATES**

**Agreement of cooperation. Signed at New York on 6 October  
1989**

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**ORGANISATION DES NATIONS UNIES  
et  
LIGUE DES ÉTATS ARABES**

**Accord de coopération. Signé à New York le 6 octobre 1989**

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## AGREEMENT<sup>1</sup> OF CO-OPERATION BETWEEN THE UNITED NATIONS AND THE LEAGUE OF ARAB STATES

The United Nations and the League of Arab States,

Referring to provisions of the Charter of the United Nations which encourage activities through regional arrangements for the promotion of the purposes and principles of the United Nations,

Referring to provisions of the Pact of the League of Arab States<sup>2</sup> which encourage co-operation with international organizations,

Recalling the Memorandum of Understanding between the United Nations and the League of Arab States dated 21 December 1960,

Recalling the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly of the United Nations and of the Council of the League regarding the need to strengthen co-operation between the two organizations,

Recognizing the fruitful co-operation between the United Nations and the League of Arab States during the past decades in matters of common interest,

Desirous of continuing and further strengthening the co-operation between the United Nations and the League of Arab States,

Have agreed to the following:

### *Article I*

#### CO-OPERATION FRAMEWORK AND CONDITIONS

1. The United Nations and the League of Arab States agree to strive for active co-operation in their respective programmes in matters of common interest.
2. Co-operative activities may take such forms as consultation, exchange of information and documentation, mutual representation, liaison, and joint programmes, and shall be consistent with the relevant constitutional instruments, procedural requirements, regulations and rules of the competent bodies concerned of the United Nations and the League of Arab States.

### *Article II*

#### CONSULTATION

Consultation to promote co-operation may take place between the competent bodies of the United Nations and of the League of Arab States for such purposes as co-ordination of activities in areas of common interest, the realization of shared objectives and mutual assistance, as may be appropriate.

<sup>1</sup> Came into force on 6 October 1989 by signature, in accordance with article VIII (1).

<sup>2</sup> United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 70, p. 237.

*Article III*

## EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION AND DOCUMENTATION

1. The United Nations and the League of Arab States agree to endeavour to exchange information and documentation available in the public domain to the fullest extent possible on matters of common interest.

2. Where appropriate and subject to the requirement of confidentiality and the consent of the government(s) concerned, information and documentation relating to specific projects or programmes may also be exchanged between the competent bodies of the United Nations and the League of Arab States.

*Article IV*

## MUTUAL REPRESENTATION

1. In accordance with General Assembly resolution 477 (V) of the United Nations, dated 1 November 1950,<sup>1</sup> the Secretary-General of the League of Arab States may attend sessions of the General Assembly as an observer. The League of Arab States may also attend meetings and conferences held under United Nations auspices to which the League of Arab States may have been invited in accordance with the decisions or rules of procedure of the bodies concerned.

2. The United Nations may be represented at meetings of the League of Arab States in accordance with the terms of invitations so addressed by the latter.

*Article V*

## LIAISON AT THE SECRETARIAT LEVEL

The Secretary-General of the United Nations and the Secretary-General of the League of Arab States may designate, when appropriate, officials for the purpose of conducting specific co-operative activities. It is noted that certain organs of the United Nations are present within the region of the League of Arab States, and that the League of Arab States has maintained Permanent Observer Offices at the Headquarters of the United Nations and at the United Nations Office of Geneva.

*Article VI*

## JOINT PROGRAMMES

Specific joint programmes in the economic, social and humanitarian fields may be initiated through the competent bodies of the United Nations and the League of Arab States.

*Article VII*

## SUPPLEMENTARY ARRANGEMENTS

The United Nations and the League of Arab States may enter into such supplementary arrangements for the purpose of co-operation as may be found desirable.

<sup>1</sup> United Nations, *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifth Session, Supplement No. 20 (AJ/1775)*, p. 74.

*Article VIII*

## ENTRY INTO FORCE, AMENDMENT AND REVISION OF THE AGREEMENT

1. This Agreement shall enter into force upon signature on behalf of the United Nations and on behalf of the League of Arab States.

2. This Agreement, of which the Arabic English texts are equally authentic, may be amended or revised by agreement between the United Nations and the League of Arab States, and such amendment or revision shall come into force upon signature on behalf of the United Nations and on behalf of the League of Arab States.

SIGNED this 6th day of October 1989, at United Nations Headquarters, New York.

For the United Nations:

[*Signed*]

JAVIER PEREZ DE CUELLAR  
Secretary-General

For the League of Arab States:

[*Signed*]

CHEDLI KLIBI  
Secretary-General