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AND NORTHERN IRELAND, etc.**

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ET D'IRLANDE DU NORD, etc.**

**Convention (avec annexe) portant création de la Commission
de coopération technique en Afrique au sud du Sahara
(C.C.T.A.). Signée à Londres, le 18 janvier 1954**

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No. 4743. AGREEMENT¹ FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF
THE COMMISSION FOR TECHNICAL CO-OPERATION
IN AFRICA SOUTH OF THE SAHARA (C.C.T.A.). SIGNED
AT LONDON, ON 18 JANUARY 1954

The Governments of the Kingdom of Belgium, the French Republic, the Republic of Portugal, the Federation of Rhodesia and Nyasaland, the Union of South Africa and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland,

Being desirous of encouraging and strengthening technical co-operation in all fields affecting the well-being of the peoples of their territories in Africa South of the Sahara, and

Being desirous of establishing on a formal basis certain administrative arrangements heretofore brought into being,

Have agreed as follows :

Article I

ESTABLISHMENT OF THE COMMISSION

There is hereby established the Commission for Technical Co-operation in Africa South of the Sahara (hereinafter referred to as "the Commission"). The Commission shall be assisted by the Scientific Council for Africa South of the Sahara. Under its ægis shall be placed the Inter-African Bureau for Epizootic Diseases, the Tsetse Fly and Trypanosomiasis Permanent Inter-African Bureau, the Inter-African Bureau for Soils and Rural Economy, the Inter-African Labour Institute, the Inter-African Pedological Service, and such other organisations for co-operation in Africa South of the Sahara as the Commission shall recognise.

¹ Came into force on 30 May 1958, upon receipt by the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland of the instruments of ratification of the six Member Governments, in accordance with article XV (2). The instruments of ratification and the instruments of accession under article V of the Agreement were deposited on the dates indicated below :

Ratifications

Union of South Africa	10 March	1954
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	12 April	1954
Federation of Rhodesia and Nyasaland	3 January	1955
Portugal	18 January	1955
Belgium	12 June	1956
France	30 May	1958

Accessions

Ghana	18 November	1957
Liberia	20 November	1958

Article II

COMPOSITION OF THE COMMISSION

The Commission shall consist of the signatory Governments (hereinafter referred to as the "Member Governments"). Each Member Government shall be represented by one delegate and such alternates and advisers to its delegate as it may deem necessary.

Article III

LIAISON BETWEEN THE COMMISSION AND THE MEMBER GOVERNMENTS

Each Member Government shall appoint an officer who shall maintain liaison with the Secretariat of the Commission and who shall be the normal channel for communication between it and the Secretariat.

*Article IV*TERRITORIAL SCOPE¹

(1) The territorial scope of the Commission shall comprise all the territories for which the Member Governments are responsible in continental and insular Africa south of a line from the Atlantic Ocean eastwards along the 20th parallel north to the north-eastern border of French Equatorial Africa, thence along the north-eastern and eastern borders of French Equatorial Africa, the north-eastern border of the Belgian Congo, the northern borders of Uganda and Kenya and the eastern border of Kenya to the Indian Ocean.

(2) The territorial scope of the Commission may be altered on a recommendation of the Commission, approved in writing by all Member Governments, but shall not be extended beyond Africa South of the Sahara.

Article V

ADMISSION OF NON-MEMBER GOVERNMENTS

(1) In the event of a non-Member Government, responsible for a territory or territories situated within the geographical area of the Commission, wishing to become a Member Government, its request shall be presented by one of the Member Governments to the Secretariat for the consideration of the Commission.

(2) Such a request shall require the approval of all Member Governments.

¹ According to the information provided by the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland the territorial scope of the Commission has been extended to include all territories in Africa South of the Sahara (see annex, p. 143 of this volume).

(3) A non-Member Government whose request for admission has received the approval of all Member Governments shall deposit with the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland an instrument of accession to the Agreement, and shall thereupon become a Member Government for the purposes of this Agreement. The Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland shall notify all other Member Governments of each such accession and of the date of deposit of each such instrument.

Article VI

POWER AND FUNCTIONS

(1) The Commission and the organisations referred to in Article I, shall have such legal capacity as may be necessary for the exercise of their functions and the fulfilment of their purposes.

(2) The powers and functions of the Commission shall be as follows :

- (a) to concern itself with all matters affecting technical co-operation between the Member Governments and their territories within the territorial scope of the Commission;
- (b) to recommend to Member Governments measures for achieving such co-operation;
- (c) to convene technical conferences as agreed by Member Governments;
- (d) to supervise, from the financial and general points of view, the work of the organisations referred to in Article I, and make recommendations thereon to the Member Governments;
- (e) to make recommendations to the Member Governments for the setting up of new organisations or the revision of existing arrangements for securing technical co-operation within the territorial scope of the Commission;
- (f) to make recommendations to the Member Governments with a view to the formulation of joint requests for technical assistance from international organisations;
- (g) to advise Member Governments on any other subject in the field of technical co-operation which the Member Governments may bring to its notice;
- (h) to appoint Committees and call together Working Parties and, subject to the provisions of this Agreement, to promulgate rules of procedure and other regulations governing the operation of the Commission and such Committees and Working Parties;
- (i) to administer the Inter-African Research Fund.

Article VII

PROCEDURE OF THE COMMISSION

(1) The Commission may meet at such times and in such places as it may determine. It shall meet at least once yearly.

(2) The official languages of the Commission and of the organisations referred to in Article I shall be English and French. Additionally, Portuguese shall be employed at technical conferences convened in accordance with Article VI (2) (c) as shall be provided in the rules of procedure to be promulgated under Article VI (2) (h).

Article VIII

RECOMMENDATIONS AND CONCLUSIONS

The Recommendations and Conclusions of the Commission shall be unanimous.

Article IX

SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL ADVICE

In respect of the scientific aspects of its work, the Commission shall consult the Scientific Council for Africa South of the Sahara.

Article X

THE SECRETARIAT

(1) The Commission shall establish a Secretariat in London.

(2) The Commission shall, subject to such terms and conditions as it may prescribe, appoint a Secretary-General and an Assistant Secretary.

(3) The functions of the Secretary-General shall be, under the directions of the Commission :

- (a) in general, to organise the work of the Commission as a whole and to further the objectives for which it was established;
- (b) to appoint and dismiss subordinate staff and prescribe their conditions of service;
- (c) to make arrangements for meetings of the Commission and such conferences as may be decided upon by the Commission;
- (d) to keep under review the work of the organisation referred to in Article I and ensure that appropriate follow-up action is taken after meetings of the Commission and technical conferences arranged under its auspices;
- (e) to suggest to the Commission subjects in which co-operation could be established or ways in which co-operation could be improved;
- (f) to maintain relations with international organisations and institutions and to represent the Commission at such meetings or conferences as the Commission may decide;
- (g) to draw up reports on the activities of the Commission.