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and
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No. 6520. AGREEMENT¹ BETWEEN THE UNITED NATIONS
AND THE UNITED ARAB REPUBLIC RELATING TO
THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A REGIONAL CENTRE FOR
DEMOGRAPHIC RESEARCH AND TRAINING IN AFRICA.
SIGNED AT NEW YORK, ON 8 FEBRUARY 1963

The Government of the United Arab Republic (hereinafter called "the Government") and the United Nations,

Desiring to promote demographic research on a regional basis and training of personnel in demographic techniques, and in particular to establish in Cairo, a regional centre for demographic research and training to provide facilities in these fields for the United Arab Republic and other interested countries,

Have agreed as follows :

Article I

ESTABLISHMENT, OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES OF THE REGIONAL CENTRE FOR
DEMOGRAPHIC RESEARCH AND TRAINING

1. A Regional Centre for Demographic Research and Training (hereinafter called "the Centre") shall be established in Cairo under the joint auspices of the Government and the United Nations, in accordance with the terms of this agreement and the arrangements which the Government and the United Nations may take to implement it.

2. The objectives and activities of the Centre shall be :

- (a) To serve as a research and training centre in the field of demography for the following states of Africa (hereinafter called "the sub-region") : Algeria, Libya, Morocco, Sudan, Tunisia and the United Arab Republic :
- (b) To conduct research in Arabic, English or French on population trends and their relation to social and economic factors, at the request of the Governments of countries of the sub-region, taking into account the results of recent population censuses and other data ;
- (c) To provide short-term courses of intensive classroom training in demography and related fields, in the Arabic language, and if necessary in English, and on-the-job

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training, in Arabic, English and/or French, in connexion with the research programme of the Centre.

3. The training facilities of the Centre shall be available to :

- (a) Trainees from countries of the sub-region other than the United Arab Republic and of Arab countries in the Middle East who may be granted fellowships for training at the Centre by the United Nations upon the request of their Governments, in accordance with the terms of Article VI below ;
- (b) Nationals of the United Arab Republic who may be selected as trainees by the Government, up to a maximum of three during each academic year for on-the-job training and a maximum number for short-term classroom training courses which shall be determined by mutual agreement between the Government and the United Nations ;
- (c) Trainees of the African Institute for Economic Development, up to a maximum number to be determined by mutual agreement between the Government and the United Nations.

4. The training curriculum as well as any policy regarding entrance tests and final examinations shall be determined by mutual agreement between the United Nations and the Government, with a view to ensuring wide recognition of certificates awarded by the Centre.

5. The Centre shall have a juridical personality independent of that of the Parties, and shall not be considered as forming part of either the United Nations or the Government.

6. Co-operative relationships shall be established with agencies of the Government, and academic and research institutions within the United Arab Republic, in the interest of the research and training programmes of the Centre.

7. The Centre shall co-operate with the African Institute for Economic Development and Planning to be established at Dakar and with its sub-regional offices, in particular by exchanging personnel, by undertaking, on behalf of the Institute, demographic studies relevant to the economic and social development of countries of the sub-region, and by providing demographic training facilities for trainees of the Institute.

Article II

THE GOVERNING BODY

1. A Governing Body shall be entrusted with the responsibility for the research and training programmes of the Centre and the related administrative requirements for the proper functioning of the Centre. The Governing Body shall consist of six

members. Four members shall be designated by the Government. The remaining shall be a representative of the Secretary-General of the United Nations (to be designated by the Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Africa), the Director of the Centre (referred to in Article IV below), who shall act as member-secretary of the Governing Body.

2. One of the members of the Governing Body, other than the representative of the Secretary-General of the United Nations and the Director of the Centre, shall be appointed by the Government as Chairman of the Governing Body.

3. The Governing Body shall convene as often as is necessary but not less than twice each year.

4. The Governing Body shall draw up internal regulations including delegation of part of its authority to the Director as it finds necessary for the expedient administration of the Centre.

Article III

THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

1. An Advisory Committee (hereinafter called "the Committee"), shall be formed consisting of the following members : The Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Africa, or his designee ; a representative of the International Union for the Scientific Study of Population ; an expert designated by the Government of the United Arab Republic ; one expert from each of three states in the sub-region (other than the United Arab Republic), on a rotation basis, to be designated by the Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Africa, subject to the approval of the Governments concerned. The Director of the Centre shall serve as secretary of the Committee without a vote. The Committee shall elect its Chairman.

2. The Committee shall be convened once every two years and shall review the research and training programmes of the Centre and make such recommendations to the United Nations and the Government as will give expression to regional interests in the development of these programmes.

Article IV

THE DIRECTOR

1. The United Nations, in consultation with the Government, shall appoint a Director of the Centre.

2. The functions of the Director of the Centre shall be :

(a) To plan, organize and direct the research and training programmes and the administration of the Centre under the general supervision and with the support of the Governing Body, it being understood that staff appointed by the Director