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**UNITED NATIONS
(UNITED NATIONS DISASTER RELIEF
CO-ORDINATOR)
and
FOOD AND AGRICULTURE ORGANIZATION
OF THE UNITED NATIONS**

**Memorandum of Understanding regarding co-operation.
Signed at Geneva on 27 July 1976**

Authentic text: English.

Filed and recorded by the Secretariat on 27 July 1976.

**ORGANISATION DES NATIONS UNIES
(BUREAU DU COORDONNATEUR POUR
LES SECOURS EN CAS DE CATASTROPHE)**

et

**ORGANISATION DES NATIONS UNIES
POUR L'ALIMENTATION ET L'AGRICULTURE**

**Mémorandum d'accord relatif à la coopération. Signé à
Genève le 27 juillet 1976**

Texte authentique : anglais.

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MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING¹ BETWEEN THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF FAO AND THE UNITED NATIONS DISASTER RELIEF CO-ORDINATOR

WHEREAS the General Assembly of the United Nations, by Resolution 2816 (XXVI)² endorsed the Secretary-General's proposals for the establishment of an adequate permanent Office in the United Nations (hereinafter referred to as "UNDRO") to be the focal point in the United Nations system for disaster relief matters and which would be headed by a Disaster Relief Co-ordinator authorized, on the Secretary-General's behalf, *inter alia*, to mobilize, direct and co-ordinate the relief activities of the various organizations of the United Nations system in response to a request for disaster assistance from a stricken State, and also to co-ordinate such United Nations assistance with that made available by other sources of aid; and

WHEREAS the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (hereinafter referred to as "FAO") has responsibilities under its Constitution which include the provision of technical and other forms of assistance to States in matters relating to food and agriculture; and

WHEREAS since the establishment of UNDRO in 1972, FAO and UNDRO have collaborated closely and effectively, in matters of common concern; and

WHEREAS the strengthening of UNDRO and the establishment within FAO of an Office for Special Relief Operations (hereinafter referred to as "OSRO") make it desirable to define the responsibilities of FAO and UNDRO more clearly with respect to disaster relief, in order to make the most effective use of the services available in FAO and UNDRO for the benefit of stricken States;

THEREFORE the Director-General of FAO and the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator have agreed to the following arrangements:

1. *General responsibilities of UNDRO and FAO*

FAO recognizes the responsibility of UNDRO to co-ordinate disaster assistance to a stricken State and to mobilize funds for such assistance. UNDRO recognizes the operational responsibility of FAO for relief activities in the agricultural sector and of the World Food Programme (hereinafter referred to as "WFP") in co-operation with FAO in the food aid sector.

2. *Disaster relief activities with respect to which FAO and UNDRO will co-operate*

(i) FAO will co-operate with UNDRO in pre-disaster planning for the agricultural sector in countries that are prone to disasters such as flood, drought or crop pests;

(ii) FAO and UNDRO will co-operate with respect to disaster relief assistance rendered to a stricken State in connection with natural disasters and other disaster situations before relief operations are phased out and the stricken State moves into the stage of rehabilitation and reconstruction;

¹ Came into force on 27 July 1976 by signature, in accordance with paragraph 11.

² United Nations, *Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 29* (A/8429), p. 85.