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**UNITED NATIONS
(OFFICE OF THE UNITED NATIONS
DISASTER RELIEF CO-ORDINATOR)
and
WORLD METEOROLOGICAL ORGANIZATION**

**Memorandum of Understanding concerning collaboration.
Signed at Geneva on 21 October 1977**

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**ORGANISATION DES NATIONS UNIES
(BUREAU DU COORDONNATEUR
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EN CAS DE CATASTROPHE)
et
ORGANISATION MÉTÉOROLOGIQUE
MONDIALE**

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MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING¹ BETWEEN THE SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE WORLD METEOROLOGICAL ORGANIZATION AND THE UNITED NATIONS DISASTER RELIEF CO-ORDINATOR

1. Close and fruitful collaboration has existed between the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) and the Office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator (UNDRO) since UNDRO was established in 1972. With a view to strengthening this collaboration, the Secretary-General of WMO and the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator have agreed on the present Memorandum of Understanding within the framework of the Agreement between the United Nations and the World Meteorological Organization² and in particular article VI of that Agreement.

2. The purposes of WMO, as laid down in its Convention,³ are as follows:

- (a) to facilitate world-wide co-operation in the establishment of networks of stations for the making of meteorological observations as well as hydrological and other geophysical observations related to meteorology, and to promote the establishment and maintenance of centres charged with the provision of meteorological and related services;
- (b) to promote the establishment and maintenance of systems for the rapid exchange of meteorological and related information;
- (c) to promote standardization of meteorological and related observations and to ensure the uniform publication of observations and statistics;
- (d) to further the application of meteorology to aviation, shipping, water problems, agriculture and other human activities;
- (e) to promote activities in operational hydrology and to further close co-operation between meteorological and hydrological services; and
- (f) to encourage research and training in meteorology and, as appropriate, in related fields and to assist in co-ordinating the international aspects of such research and training.

3. In accordance with the above provisions, WMO is engaged in a wide variety of activities related to natural disasters caused by meteorological and hydrological phenomena, such as tropical cyclones, floods and droughts.

4. The mandate of the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator, as laid down in General Assembly resolution 2816 (XXVI) of 14 December 1971,⁴ is

- (a) to establish and maintain the closest co-operation with all organizations concerned and to make all feasible advance arrangements with them for the purpose of ensuring the most effective assistance;

¹ Came into force on 21 October 1977 by signature, in accordance with paragraph 10.

² United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 123, p. 245.

³ See "Convention of the World Meteorological Organization, signed at Washington on 11 October 1947" in United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 77, p. 143.

⁴ United Nations, *Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 29 (A/8429)*, p. 85.