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AGREEMENT¹ BETWEEN THE UNITED NATIONS AND THE INTERNATIONAL FUND FOR AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT

PREAMBLE

In accordance with the provisions of Articles 57 and 63 of the Charter of the United Nations and of section 1 of article 8 of the Agreement Establishing the International Fund for Agricultural Development² (hereinafter called the "Agreement"), the United Nations and the International Fund for Agricultural Development (hereinafter called the "Fund") agree as follows:

Article I. RECOGNITION

The United Nations recognizes the Fund as a specialized agency, operating in accordance with the Agreement concluded among its member States with the objective of mobilizing additional resources to be made available on concessional terms for agricultural development in developing member States.

Article II. RECIPROCAL REPRESENTATION

1. Representatives of the United Nations shall be:

- (a) entitled to attend, and to participate without vote in, meetings of the Governing Council of the Fund;
- (b) invited to participate without vote in broad policy-making meetings of other organs and committees of the Fund.

2. Representatives of the Fund shall be:

- (a) entitled to attend meetings of the General Assembly of the United Nations for purposes of consultations;
- (b) entitled to attend, and to participate without vote in, meetings of the Main Committees and other organs of the General Assembly, in particular the World Food Council, as well as meetings of the Economic and Social Council and of the Trusteeship Council and of their respective subsidiary bodies dealing with matters in which the Fund has an interest.

3. Sufficient advance notice of these meetings, and their agendas shall be given so that, in consultation, arrangements can be made for adequate representation.

4. Written statements presented by either organization to the other shall be distributed by the secretariat of the latter to the members of the appropriate bodies in accordance with their rules of procedure.

Article III. PROPOSAL OF AGENDA ITEMS

Subject to such preliminary consultation as may be necessary, the Fund shall include in the provisional agenda of the appropriate organ of the Fund items proposed by the United Nations. Similarly, the Economic and Social Council and the World Food Council and their subsidiary bodies, as appropriate, shall include in their provisional agendas items proposed by the Fund.

¹ Came into force on 15 December 1977, upon approval by the General Assembly of the United Nations and the Governing Council of the Fund, in accordance with its article XVIII.

² United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 1059, p. 191.

Article IV. CO-ORDINATION AND CO-OPERATION

1. In view of the co-ordinating role and global responsibilities of the United Nations in promoting economic and social development and the need for positive and effective co-operation between the United Nations and the Fund, the Fund agrees to co-operate closely with the United Nations in making co-ordination of the policies and activities of the United Nations and those of the organs and agencies within the United Nations system fully effective. The Fund agrees further to participate in the work of the United Nations aimed at enhancing such co-operation and co-ordination, in particular through membership in the Administrative Committee on co-ordination, and, as appropriate, in the work of such other United Nations bodies that have been established or may be established for that purpose.

2. In its financing operations, the Fund shall exercise its own independent judgement in accordance with the Agreement, taking fully into account the over-all policy guidelines established by the United Nations in the field of economic and social, and particularly agricultural, development.

Article V. CONSULTATION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

1. The Fund, having regard to the obligations of the United Nations to promote the objectives set forth in Article 55 of the Charter and the functions and powers of the United Nations and its appropriate organs, in particular to make recommendations for the co-ordination of the policies and activities of the specialized agencies, agrees to arrange for the consideration as soon as possible, by the appropriate organ of the Fund, of all formal recommendations which the United Nations may make to it.

2. The Fund agrees to enter into consultation with the United Nations upon request with respect to such recommendations, and in due course to report to the United Nations on the action taken by the Fund to give effect to such recommendations, or on the other results of their consideration.

Article VI. EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION AND DOCUMENTS

1. Subject to such arrangements as may be necessary between the United Nations and the Fund for the safeguarding of confidential material furnished to them by their members or other sources, full and prompt exchange of information and documents shall be made between the United Nations and the Fund.

2. Without prejudice to the generality of the provisions of paragraph 1 of this article:

- (a) the Fund agrees to transmit to the United Nations regular reports on the activities of the Fund;
- (b) to the fullest extent practicable, the Fund agrees to furnish upon request to the United Nations any special reports, studies or information;
- (c) the United Nations shall upon request furnish to the Fund such information as may be of special interest to the Fund.

Article VII. BUDGETARY AND FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS

1. The Fund recognizes the desirability of establishing close budgetary and financial co-operation in administrative matters with the United Nations in order that the administrative operations of the United Nations and the agencies within the United Nations system shall be carried out in the most efficient and economical manner possible and that the maximum measure of co-ordination and uniformity with respect to these operations shall be secured.

2. Any financial and budgetary arrangement entered into between the United Nations and the Fund shall be subject to the approval of the General Assembly of the United Nations and the Governing Council of the Fund.

3. The Fund shall transmit its administrative budget to the United Nations so as to enable the General Assembly of the United Nations to examine it and make recommendations, in accordance with paragraph 3 of Article 17 of the Charter of the United Nations.

Article VIII. ADMINISTRATIVE CO-OPERATION

1. The United Nations and the Fund recognize the desirability, in the interest of administrative and technical uniformity and of the most efficient use of personnel and resources, of avoiding, whenever possible, the establishment and operation of competitive or overlapping facilities and services among the United Nations and the specialized agencies.

2. Accordingly, the United Nations and the Fund shall consult together concerning the establishment and use of common administrative and technical services and facilities, in addition to those referred to in articles IV, V, IX, X and XII of the present Agreement in so far as the establishment and use of such services may from time to time be found practicable and appropriate.

3. The consultations referred to in this article shall be utilized to establish the most equitable manner of financing any special services or assistance furnished, upon request, by the Fund to the United Nations or by the United Nations to the Fund.

Article IX. PERSONNEL ARRANGEMENTS

1. The Fund agrees to co-operate with the International Civil Service Commission on matters concerning the regulation and co-ordination of the conditions of service of staff.

2. The United Nations and the Fund agree:

- (a) to consult together concerning matters of mutual interest relating to the employment of staff, with a view to securing as much uniformity in these matters as may be feasible;
- (b) to co-operate in the interchange of staff when desirable, on a temporary or permanent basis;
- (c) that the Fund may participate in the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund in accordance with the Regulations of the Pension Fund.

3. The terms and conditions on which any facilities or services of the United Nations or the Fund in connexion with the matters referred to in this article are to be extended to the other shall, where necessary, be the subject of subsidiary agreements concluded for this purpose.

Article X. STATISTICAL SERVICES

1. The Fund recognizes the United Nations as the central agency for the collection, analysis, publication, standardization and improvement of statistics serving the general purposes of international organizations, without prejudice to the right of the Fund to concern itself with any statistics so far as they may be essential for its own purposes.

2. The United Nations and the Fund agree to strive for the maximum co-operation, the elimination of all undesirable duplication between them and the most efficient use of their technical personnel in their respective processes of collection,