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RESOURCES (AOMR)**

**Memorandum on co-operation. Signed at New York on  
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## MEMORANDUM<sup>1</sup> ON CO-OPERATION BETWEEN THE UNITED NATIONS, ACTING THROUGH THE DEPARTMENT OF TECHNICAL CO-OPERATION FOR DEVELOPMENT, AND THE ARAB ORGANIZATION FOR MINERAL RESOURCES

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Recalling that one of the mandates of the United Nations is to promote higher standards of living, full employment and conditions of economic and social progress and development (Article 55 of the United Nations Charter),

Considering that the principal aim of UN/DTCD, as the main operational arm in the Secretariat for technical co-operation activities of the United Nations, is to assist developing countries in strengthening their physical and institutional infrastructure for economic and social development. Such efforts are mainly in the areas of natural resources and energy, development planning, statistics, development administration, population, social development and investment promotion. Within its mandate for mineral resources development, UN/DTCD is involved in:

- Large-scale reconnaissance surveys involving geological mapping, geochemistry and geophysics;
- Detailed investigation and evaluation of identified mineral deposits;
- The use of remote sensing satellite imagery to detect structures potentially associated with mineralization;
- Assistance in negotiating and concluding mineral development agreements, containing equitable financial and legal provisions, with international mining companies;
- Help in drafting national mining legislation and mineral sector development plans;
- The development of national exploration and exploitation capabilities through in-project and international training of counterparts, and the establishment or strengthening of geological survey facilities, technical laboratories and other long-term institutions;
- Provision of modern equipment, advanced techniques and advisory services to developing countries;
- Specialized seminars, meetings, workshops and study tours for mineral development officials.

Similar services are provided by UN/DTCD in the areas of water and energy resources.

Recalling the objectives and functions of the Organization of Arab Mineral Resources are:

- Participate in implementing co-operation and co-ordination between different Arab regional and national institutions and organizations whose activities are in the field of mineral resources in order to co-ordinate mineral policies between member states;
- To gather and exchange information, to prepare studies and to publish a specialized journal on the mining activities in the Arab world;

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<sup>1</sup> Came into force on 18 October 1983 by signature, in accordance with article VIII.