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**UNITED NATIONS
(UNITED NATIONS INDUSTRIAL
DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATION)
and
ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF
WEST AFRICAN STATES**

Memorandum of Understanding on co-operation and assistance. Signed at Vienna on 16 December 1980

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**ORGANISATION DES NATIONS UNIES
(ORGANISATION DES NATIONS UNIES
POUR LE DÉVELOPPEMENT INDUSTRIEL)
et
COMMUNAUTÉ ÉCONOMIQUE DES
ÉTATS DE L'AFRIQUE DE L'OUEST**

Mémorandum d'accord relatif à la coopération et à l'assistance. Signé à Vienne le 16 décembre 1980

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MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING¹ BETWEEN THE UNITED NATIONS INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATION AND THE ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES ON COOPERATION AND ASSISTANCE

Whereas the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (hereinafter referred to as "UNIDO") rendered technical assistance to the member States of the Economic Community of West African States (hereinafter referred to as "ECOWAS");

Whereas UNIDO and ECOWAS having regard to their common interests in and their desire for the Industrial Development of the member States of ECOWAS are resolved to co-operate with one another and to [strengthen] the ties between them;

Whereas UNIDO has been entrusted with the central role in coordinating United Nations activities and technical assistance to the developing countries in the industrial field as well as in initiating and coordinating activities within the United Nations System for implementation of the Lima Declaration and Plan of Action;²

Whereas ECOWAS, *inter alia*, aims to achieve harmonization of industrial policies and reduce disparities in the level of development of the member States;

Whereas cooperation between UNIDO and ECOWAS for the benefit of this subregion of Africa complements the UNIDO cooperation with OAU and serves the purposes declared by the Industrial Development Decade for Africa;

Whereas UNIDO has since the establishment of ECOWAS rendered technical assistance to that organization and is further enjoined, subject to its resources, in accordance with the Lima and New Delhi³ Declarations and Plans of Action on Industrial Development and cooperation to achieve the goals of the New International Economic Order, especially to take into consideration the OAU Lagos Plan of Action⁴ and the United Nations General Assembly Resolution on the Industrial Development Decade for Africa;⁵

Now therefore the Executive Director of UNIDO and the Executive Secretary of ECOWAS

Hereby agree as follows:

Article I. OBJECTIVES

The purpose of this Memorandum of Understanding is to facilitate cooperation between UNIDO and ECOWAS and the undertaking of certain activities by UNIDO

¹ Came into force on 16 December 1980 by signature, in accordance with article VI.

² Report of the United Nations Conference on Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries, A/CONF.79/13, September 1978.

³ Report on the 3rd General Conference of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization, ID/CONF.4/22, 11 April 1980.

⁴ Assessment of the Progress made in the establishment of the New International Economic Order and appropriate action for the promotion of the development of developing countries and International Economic Co-operation, A/S-11/14, 21 August 1980. Letter dated 15 August 1980 from the Permanent Representative of Nigeria to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General.

⁵ United Nations, *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-fifth Session, Supplement No. 48 (A/35/48)*, p. 124.