

AGREEMENT FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A COMMISSION FOR CONTROLLING THE DESERT LOCUST IN NORTH-WEST AFRICA

At the request of interested Member Nations in North-West Africa, a draft agreement for the establishment of a commission for controlling the desert locust in that area, within the framework of FAO, was prepared by the Organization. The Agreement was reviewed in March 1970 by the FAO North-West African Desert Locust Research and Control Coordination Sub-Committee. The Agreement was approved by the FAO Council at its Fifty-fifth Session (November 1970) and submitted to Member Nations for acceptance.

In accordance with paragraph 1, Article XIX, the Agreement entered into force on **17 August 1971**, date of receipt of the third instrument of acceptance. The Agreement was registered with the Secretariat of the United Nations on 24 September 1971 under No. 11354.

At its Sixth Session (April 1977), the Commission adopted amendments to the Agreement which were approved by the FAO Council at its Seventy-second Session (November 1977). These amendments entered into force for all the parties to the Agreement.

Parties to the Agreement

The following participants deposited their instruments of acceptance on the corresponding date indicated:

| Participant | Acceptance |
|-------------------------|-------------|
| Algeria ¹ | 17 Aug 1971 |
| Libya ² | 13 May 1971 |
| Mauritania ³ | 16 Jan 1989 |
| Morocco | 1 Oct 1971 |
| Tunisia | 22 Jul 1971 |

Pursuant to its Article XVIII.1, the Agreement is considered terminated on 20 September 2007 (date on which Mauritania's withdrawal became effective), since the number of Members of the Commission fell below three.

Notes

1. On 26 November 2003, the Director-General received a notification of withdrawal from Algeria. In accordance with Article XVII of the Agreement, the withdrawal became effective on **26 November 2004**.
2. On 24 November 2005, the Director-General received a notification of withdrawal from Libya. In accordance with Article XVII of the Agreement, the withdrawal will become effective on **24 November 2006**.
3. On 20 September 2006, the Director-General received a notification of withdrawal from Mauritania. In accordance with Article XVII of the Agreement, the withdrawal will become effective on **20 September 2007**.