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CONFERENCE

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DRAFT REVISED AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE ORGANIZATION OF AFRICAN UNITY (OAU) AND FAO

SUMMARY

1. In accordance with paragraph 1 of Article XIII of the Constitution, the Director-General is submitting to the Conference for approval the text of a draft Revised Agreement establishing formal relations between OAU and FAO.
2. The document sets out the steps which led to the drafting of the Revised Agreement, in the form in which it is now being presented to the Conference.
3. The text of the draft Revised Agreement is reproduced as Appendix A hereto.

**DRAFT REVISED AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE ORGANIZATION
OF AFRICAN UNITY (OAU) AND FAO**

1. The Director-General is hereby submitting for approval by the Conference, in accordance with paragraph 1 of Article XIII of the Constitution, a draft Revised Agreement between OAU and FAO attached as **Appendix A** to this document.
2. The Agreement between OAU and FAO presently in force was approved by the Council at its Fifty-first Session, in October 1968, and confirmed by the Conference at its Fifteenth Session in November 1969.
3. In October 1990, OAU expressed the desire to strengthen existing cooperation with FAO and expand it to other fields of activity, and wished to see these reflected clearly in the Agreement concluded between the two organizations. Initial proposals for the revision of the Agreement were made by the Secretariat of OAU and talks took place on the matter on the occasion of the official visit to FAO by the OAU Secretary-General in November 1990.
4. The Seventeenth FAO Regional Conference for Africa held in Accra, Ghana, from 20 to 24 July 1992, recommended that the FAO/OAU Agreement should be revised and updated. The last FAO/OAU joint meeting, convened in accordance with Article IV.1 of the existing Agreement and held in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, from 7 to 8 November 1994, endorsed the proposal to revise the existing Agreement between the two organizations.
5. A draft Revised Agreement between FAO and the OAU was prepared; in close cooperation, by the secretariats of both organizations and the draft text was agreed to by the Director-General of FAO and the Secretary-General of OAU, in Addis Ababa, on the occasion of the Thirty-first OAU Assembly of Heads of State and Government, in June 1995.
6. The scope and objectives of the amendments proposed are mainly to update the present Agreement in force since 1969 and to underline the wish of both organizations to strengthen their fruitful cooperation.
7. In view of the limited nature of the amendments proposed, the Director-General did not consider it necessary to submit the text for review by the Committee on Constitutional and Legal Matters. Many of the amendments introduced are of a formal nature (in Preamble, paragraph 1 and new paragraph 3 of Article I, Articles IV, V (including new paragraph 3) and XI and in the concluding clause). Three amendments are of a more substantive nature: the addition of a new paragraph 2 to Article I granting the OAU access to FAO technical assistance, the addition of a new paragraph 3 to Article III giving OAU the possibility of presenting a document to the FAO Regional Conference for Africa and the addition of a new paragraph 2 to Article VI providing that joint studies may be undertaken by OAU and FAO and joint programmes established between them.

8. The text of the 1969 Agreement is also attached as **Appendix B**. The Conference is invited to review the draft Revised Agreement between FAO and the OAU and to adopt the following draft Resolution:

Resolution .../95

**AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE ORGANIZATION OF AFRICAN UNITY
AND FAO**

THE CONFERENCE,

Considering the desirability of strengthening and expanding the existing cooperation between the Organization of African Unity and the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations;

Approves the Revised Agreement between OAU and FAO, the text of which is reproduced as Appendix I hereto and authorizes the Director-General to conclude it.

APPENDIX A

**REVISED
AGREEMENT BETWEEN
THE ORGANIZATION OF AFRICAN UNITY
AND
THE FOOD AND AGRICULTURE ORGANIZATION
OF THE UNITED NATIONS**

The Organization of African Unity and the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations,

Recalling that the Organization of African Unity (hereinafter referred to as "OAU") was established with the purpose, among others, of coordinating and intensifying the cooperation and efforts of independent African States in order to achieve a better life for, and to promote the unity and solidarity of the peoples of Africa, in accordance with the provisions of its Charter,

Recalling also that the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (hereinafter referred to as "FAO") was established for the purpose of raising levels of nutrition and standards of living of the peoples, securing improvements in the efficiency of the production and distribution of all food and agricultural products, bettering the conditions of rural populations, and thus humanity's freedom from hunger,

Considering the interest of the OAU in promoting cooperation in matters pertaining to or connected with food and agriculture in Africa,

Being desirous of coordinating their efforts in Africa with a view to achieving their common aims within the framework of the United Nations Charter, the Charter of OAU and the Constitution of FAO,

Have agreed as follows:

**Article 1
Cooperation**

1. OAU and FAO agree to cooperate with each other through their appropriate organs with respect to all matters of common interest that arise in the fields of food and agriculture.
2. FAO shall, as far as possible and in conformity with its constitutional instruments and decisions of its competent bodies, give due consideration to requests for technical assistance made by the Organization of African Unity. It shall continue to support the activities of the OAU aimed at the establishment of the AEC as stipulated notably in the Final Act of Lagos and all other documents dealing with the food and agricultural sector.
3. OAU shall give due consideration to requests to enlist political, technical and financial support for the goals and objectives of FAO in particular in its fora.

Article II

Mutual Consultation

1. OAU and FAO shall consult on all the matters mentioned in Article 1 that are of common interest to them.
2. OAU shall inform FAO of any plans for the development of its activities in the fields of food and agriculture. It shall consider any proposals concerning such plans as may be made to it by FAO with a view to securing effective coordination between the two Organizations and avoiding unnecessary duplication of activities.
3. FAO shall inform OAU of any plans for the development of its activities in Africa. It shall consider any proposals concerning such plans as may be made to it by OAU with a view to securing effective coordination between the two Organizations and avoiding unnecessary duplication of activities.
4. When circumstances so require, OAU and FAO shall engage in consultations with a view to selecting the best means of ensuring that their activities in matters of common interest are fully effective.

Article III

Reciprocal Representation

1. OAU shall invite FAO to be represented at sessions of its Specialized Commissions and at technical conferences or meetings, at which questions of interest to FAO are to be discussed. The observer representing FAO may participate without vote in the deliberations of such sessions, conferences or meetings with respect to matters in which FAO is interested.
2. FAO shall invite OAU to be represented at all sessions of the FAO Conference and the FAO Council and at all other conferences and meetings held under the auspices of FAO in which Member States of OAU participate. The observer representing OAU may participate without vote in the deliberations of such sessions, conferences or meetings with respect to matters in which OAU is interested.
3. After consultation with FAO and, subject to its agreement, OAU may present a document to the FAO Regional Conference for Africa.

Article IV

Meetings

1. OAU and FAO may, in appropriate cases, agree to convene under their auspices, according to arrangements to be made in each particular case, joint meetings concerning matters of interest to both Organizations. The manner in which measures proposed by such joint meetings may be put into effect will be determined by the two Organizations.
2. In appropriate cases, meetings convened by one Organization may call for the cooperation and participation of the other Organization. The scope of such cooperation and participation will be the subject of arrangements in each case, taking into account any relevant resolution approved by the Organization responsible for the convening of the meeting.

Article V

Joint Action

1. OAU and FAO may, through special arrangements, decide upon joint action with a view to attaining objects of common interest. These arrangements shall define the ways and means in which each of the two Organizations shall participate in this action, and shall specify the financial commitments, if any, that each is to assume.
2. OAU and FAO may, when they consider it desirable, set up joint commissions, committees or other bodies, on conditions to be mutually agreed in each case, to advise them on matters of common interest.
3. The Executive Heads of OAU and FAO may, at their request, be invited to address each other's Governing Bodies on issues related to food and agricultural development in Africa.

Article VI

Assistance in Technical, Research and in Other Related Fields

1. Joint requests for aid from two or more Member States to either Organization may, if the Governments concerned so request, be the subject of consultations between the two Organizations.
2. Joint studies may be undertaken by OAU and FAO and joint programmes established between them.

Article VII

Statistical and Legislative Information

OAU and FAO will concert their efforts to obtain the best use of statistical and legislative information and to ensure the most effective utilization of their resources in the assembling, analysis, publication and diffusion of such information, with a view to reducing the burden on the Governments and other Organizations from which such information is collected.

Article VIII

Exchange of Information and Documents

1. Subject to such arrangements as may be necessary for the safeguarding of classified material, OAU and FAO shall arrange for the fullest exchange of information and documents concerning matters of common interest.
2. OAU shall be kept informed by FAO of developments in the latter's work which are of interest to OAU.
3. FAO shall be kept informed by OAU of developments in the latter's work which are of interest to FAO.

Article IX
Administrative Arrangements

The Secretary-General of OAU and the Director-General of FAO shall make appropriate administrative arrangements to ensure effective cooperation and liaison between the Secretariats of the two Organizations.

Article X
Implementation of the Agreement

1. The Secretary-General of the OAU and the Director-General of FAO shall consult with each other upon questions arising out of the present Agreement.
2. The Secretary-General of OAU and the Director-General of FAO may make such supplementary administrative arrangements for the implementation of this Agreement as may appear desirable in the light of experience.

Article XI
Entry into Force, Amendment and Termination

1. As soon as it has been approved by the appropriate Governing Bodies of OAU and FAO, the present Agreement shall be signed by the appointed representatives of the two Organizations and shall enter into force on the date of such signature.
2. The terms of this Agreement may be amended by mutual agreement.
3. Either of the parties may terminate this Agreement by giving six months' written notice to the other party.

Done in duplicate, in the English and the French languages, both texts being equally authentic.

For the: ORGANIZATION OF AFRICAN UNITY

Place: Date:

For the: FOOD AND AGRICULTURE ORGANIZATION OF THE UNITED
NATIONS

Place: Date:

APPENDIX B

AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE ORGANIZATION OF AFRICAN UNITY AND THE FOOD AND AGRICULTURE ORGANIZATION OF THE UNITED NATIONS

The Organization of African Unity and the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations,

Recalling that the Organization of African Unity (hereinafter referred to as "OAU") was established with the purpose, among others, of coordinating and intensifying the cooperation and efforts of independent African States in order to achieve a better life for, and to promote the Unity and Solidarity of, the peoples of Africa, in accordance with the provisions of its Charter;

Recalling also that the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (hereinafter referred to as "FAO") has been established as a Specialized Agency of the United Nations to secure improvements in the efficiency of the production and distribution of all food and agricultural products, with a view to raising levels of nutrition and standards of living and thus to contribute toward an expanding world economy, and ensuring humanity's freedom from hunger; and

Considering that OAU is called upon to undertake and promote cooperation in matters appertaining to or connected with food and agriculture within Africa which are undertaken on a worldwide scale by FAO;

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Article XI

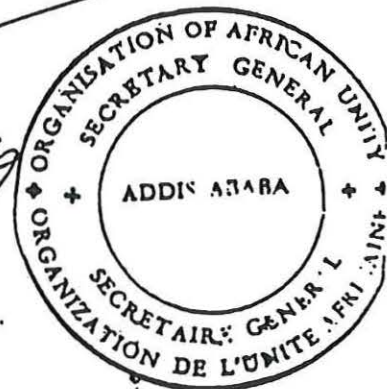
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2. The terms of this Agreement may be amended with the consent of both parties.
3. Either of the parties may terminate this Agreement by giving six months' written notice to the other party.

Done in duplicate, in the English and French language, both texts being equally authentic.

For the ORGANIZATION OF AFRICAN UNITY:

Place: *Addis Ababa* Date: *30 Avril 1969*



For the FOOD AND AGRICULTURE ORGANIZATION
OF THE UNITED NATIONS:

Place: **ROME**

Date: **22.4.69.**

A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink, located below the date for the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations.