



COOPERATION AGREEMENT

BETWEEN

THE SECRETARIAT OF THE UNITED NATIONS

AND THE GENERAL SECRETARIAT

OF THE ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN STATES



The Secretariat of the United Nations and the General Secretariat of the Organization of American States:

TAKING NOTE that the purposes of the United Nations are, inter alia, to achieve international cooperation in solving international problems of an economic, social, cultural or humanitarian character, and in promoting and encouraging respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms and to be a centre for harmonizing the actions of nations in the attainment of these common ends, and bearing in mind that the Charter of the United Nations provides for the existence of regional arrangements or agencies for dealing with such matters relating to the maintenance of international peace and security as are appropriate for regional action, and whose activities are consistent with the purposes and principles of the United Nations,



TAKING NOTE that the essential purposes proclaimed by the Organizations of American States are, inter alia, to seek the solution of political, juridical and economic problems that may arise among them; and to promote by co-operative action, their economic, social and cultural development,

BEARING IN MIND the appropriate provisions of the Charter of the United Nations and the Charter of the Organization of American States regarding the maintenance of international peace and security,

TAKING NOTE that the relevant resolutions of the UN General Assembly, in particular resolutions 42/11, 43/4, 45/10, 47/11 and 49/5 and those of the Organization of American States General Assembly, in particular resolutions AG/RES 880 (XVII-0/87), AG/RES 941 (XVIII-0/88), AG/RES 1126 (XXI-0/93) and AG/RES 1289 (XXIV-094), calling for intensified cooperation between the two Organizations.

HAVE AGREED AS FOLLOWS:



ARTICLE I

COOPERATION AND CONSULTATIONS

1. The Secretariat of the United Nations and the General Secretariat of the Organization of American States shall act in close collaboration and hold consultations regularly on all matters of common interest.
2. To this end, the two parties shall consider the appropriate framework for such consultation as and when necessary.

ARTICLE II

ATTENDANCE AT MEETINGS

1. Subject to the applicable rules of procedure and such decisions as may be taken by the competent bodies concerning the attendance of meetings by observers, the Secretariat of the United Nations shall invite the General



Secretariat of the Organization of American States to send representatives to United Nations meetings and conferences where observers are allowed, whenever matters of special interest to the Organization of American States are discussed.

2. Subject to the applicable rules of procedure and such decisions as may be taken by the competent bodies concerning the attendance of meetings by observers, the General Secretariat of the Organization of American States shall invite the United Nations to send representatives to the Organization of American States meetings and conferences where observers are allowed, whenever matters of special interest to the United Nations are discussed.



ARTICLE III

EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION AND DOCUMENTATION

1. The Secretariat of the United Nations and the General Secretariat of the Organization of American States agree to exchange information and documentation in the public domain to the fullest extent possible on matters of common interest.

2. Where appropriate and subject to the necessary requirements, information and documentation relating to specific projects or programmes may also be exchanged between the parties with a view to attaining better complementary action and effective coordination between the two Secretariats.



ARTICLE IV

STATISTICAL AND LEGAL INFORMATION

The Secretariat of the United Nations and the General Secretariat of the Organization of American States shall, subject to their respective rules and regulations, endeavour to make every effort possible to ensure optimum utilization of statistical and legal information, and efficient use of their resources to compile, analyze, publish and disseminate such information.



ARTICLE V

COOPERATION BETWEEN THE SECRETARIATS

The Secretary-General of the United Nations and the Secretary-General of the Organization of American States shall take appropriate measures to ensure effective cooperation and liaison between the Secretariats of the two Organizations.

ARTICLE VI

IMPLEMENTATION OF THE AGREEMENT

The Secretariat of the United Nations and the General Secretariat of the Organization of American States shall consult each other regularly on matters relating to this Agreement.



ARTICLE VII

SUPPLEMENTARY ARRANGEMENTS

The Secretariat of the United Nations and the General Secretariat of the Organization of American States may enter into such supplementary arrangements for the purpose of cooperation and coordination as may be found desirable.

ARTICLE VIII

ENTRY INTO FORCE, AMENDMENTS AND DURATION

1. This Agreement shall enter into force on the date of its signature by the duly authorized representatives of the Secretariat of the



United Nations and the General Secretariat of the Organization of American States.

2. This Agreement may be amended by mutual consent of the parties. The proposed amendment should be made in writing to the other party and shall enter into force after a period of three months following the expression of such consent.

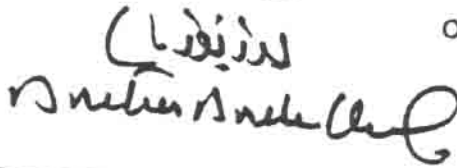
3. Either of the parties may terminate this Agreement by giving six month's written notice to the other party.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned representatives of the Secretariat of the United Nations and the General Secretariat of the Organization of American States, have signed the present Agreement in duplicate in English and Spanish, both texts being equally authentic.

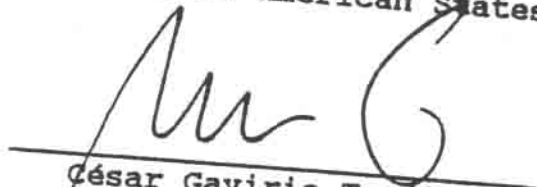
Signed this 17th day of April 1995 at the United Nations Headquarters in New York.

For the Secretariat of the United Nations:



Boutros Boutros-Ghali
Secretary-General

For the General Secretariat of the Organization of American States



César Gaviria Trujillo
Secretary-General