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(Signed in Vienna on October 8, 1977)

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Bearing in mind the new dimensions for international industrial co-operation opened up by the Lima Declaration and Plan of Action, the General Secretariat of the Organization of American States (OAS) and the Secretariat of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) agree that the following note of understanding shall constitute an extension of the exchange of letters of April 19 and May 9, 1967, establishing co-operative relations between the two organizations, under the provisions of Article 24 of resolution AG/RES. 57 (I-O/71) of the General Assembly of the Organization of American States, of April 23, 1971, and the provisions of United Nations General Assembly resolution 2152 (XXI) of November 17, 1966:

1. The Secretary General of the Organization of American States and the Executive Director of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization agree to harmonize their efforts and co-operate fully for the development of industrial programmes in the region. To this effect, the two organizations will consult with each other regularly on matters of common interest and maintain close contact on those activities which aim at realizing the objectives of the respective organizations. Co-ordination of the efforts of the two organizations should lead to avoid any overlapping or duplication of activities.

2. The Secretary General of the OAS and the Executive Director of UNIDO, recognizing their mutual interest in the areas of technological and industrial development, particularly as regards the development and transfer of technology, the programme of global and regional

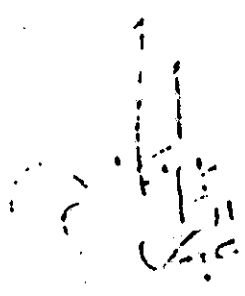
consultations in industrial sectors and industrial and technological information activities, consider the collaboration of the two secretariats both desirable and feasible. For this purpose it is agreed that collaboration be expanded to accomplish the following:

- a. To define and promote, on an institutional level, the exchange of information available within the substantive divisions of UNIDO and the OAS;
- b. To co-operate in technical assistance programmes for technological and industrial development, especially in:
 - (1) the formulation and implementation of policies in the industrial and technological fields;
 - (2) the identification of technical solutions to industrial problems through technological and industrial research efforts;
 - (3) programmes oriented towards the harmonization and definition of standard procedures for the compilation, preparation and publication of international industrial standards;
 - (4) programmes aimed at evolving uniform practices in matters of quality-control procedures;
 - (5) the establishment of an industrial and technological information service;
 - (6) promotion of industrial co-operation among the developing countries on a regional and interregional basis.

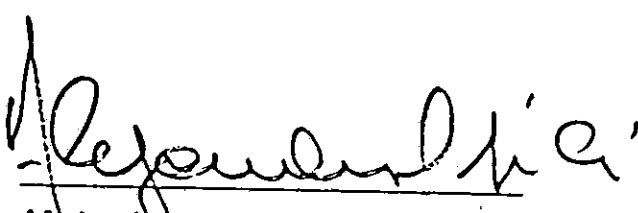
3. The Secretary General of the OAS and the Executive Director of UNIDO will each designate, within his own organization, a unit or staff member who will be responsible for seeing that the provisions of this agreement are carried out and will report periodically to the respective head of agency on the status of the collaboration and recommend areas that should be expanded or modified.

4. Exchange of information and documents concerning matters of common interest will be made between the General Secretariat of the Organization of American States and the Secretariat of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization on a regular basis.

5. Appropriate arrangements may be made by agreement, from time to time for representation of the secretariat of one organization at meetings convened under the auspices of the other which consider matters of mutual interest.



Abd-El Rahman Khane
Executive Director
United Nations Industrial
Development Organization



Alejandro Orfila
Secretary General
Organization of American States

Signed in Vienna on October 8, 1977.



April 19, 1967

My dear Mr. Abdel-Rahman:

I have the privilege of informing you that it was with great interest I learned of the recent establishment, by the United Nations, of the Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO), whose principal purpose will be to promote and accelerate the industrialization of the developing countries.

The Organization of American States has an active program to promote the process of industrial development in Latin America. That process is considered a sine qua non for the achievement of overall economic growth and of the necessary diversification of national economic structures which, together with regional economic integration, have been designated as major objectives of the Organization.

It is therefore with particular satisfaction that I note that General Assembly Resolution 2152 (XXI), of November 22, 1966, which originated UNIDO, states (paragraph 35) that the new agency "may establish appropriate working relationships with relevant inter-governmental organizations." The object of this letter is precisely to consult with you regarding the possibility of establishing such a relationship between our two Organizations, at the Secretariat level.

The Honorable
Ibrahim J. Abdel-Rahman
Executive Director,
United Nations Industrial Development Organization
United Nations
New York, N.Y.

I should welcome your comments and suggestions on the subject. I believe that initially such an arrangement could take the form of a regular exchange of information and documents, as well as, insofar as it may be practicable and expedient, the joint exploration of possibilities of cooperative activity with a view to the eventual coordination of the work program of UNIDO and of the pertinent organs of the OAS.

To achieve these goals, I am pleased hereby to offer you the fullest measure of cooperation of the General Secretariat, which attaches high importance to the work to be undertaken by the United Nations Industrial Development Organization.

Sincerely yours,

José A. Mora
Secretary General

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9 May 1967

Dear Mr. Mora,

I wish to acknowledge with thanks your kind letter of 15 April 1967, the contents of which I cherish as a welcome expression of the interest of your organization in the activities of UNIDO.

I am particularly pleased to inform you that the Industrial Development Board, at its first session which concluded on Friday, May 5, has designated the Organization of American States in the list of inter-governmental organizations for the purpose of Article 75 of its rules of procedure, which reads:

"Representatives of specialized agencies, the International Atomic Energy Agency, the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development and the United Nations Development Programme, as well as of the inter-governmental organizations referred to in paragraph 35 of General Assembly resolution 2152 (XXI) which are designated for this purpose by the Board, may participate, without the right to vote, in the deliberation of the Board and its subsidiary organs, if any, upon the invitation of the President or Chairman, as the case may be, on questions within the scope of their activities."

"Written statements of specialized agencies, the International Atomic Energy Agency, the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development and the United Nations Development Programme, as well as of the inter-governmental organizations referred to in paragraph 1 above, related to items on the agenda of the Board or its subsidiary organs, if any, shall be circulated by the Secretariat to members of the Board and the subsidiary organ concerned."

To facilitate further cooperation between our two organizations, I am pleased to initiate the exchange of documentation and information suggested in your letter by sending you under separate cover some of the basic documents which were submitted to the Industrial Development Board and wherein the current activities of UNIDO are described in some detail.

Mr. José A. Mora
Secretary-General
Organization of American States
Washington 6, D.C.

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May I associate myself with the desires for full cooperation between the two organizations in favour of the industrial growth of the developing countries.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "I. H. Abdel-Rahman".

I.H. Abdel-Rahman
Executive Director, UNIDO

July 25 1972

My dear Mr. Secretary General:

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated May 9, 1972, concerning the relations between the International Institute for the Unification of Private Law (UNIDROIT) and the Organization of American States. This matter has been carefully studied within the OAS General Secretariat.

The OAS General Assembly, at its first regular session, approved new Standards on cooperative relations between the Organization of American States and the United Nations, its specialized agencies, and other international organizations (SG/RES. 57 (I-O/71), a copy of which is attached.

The Standards, as you will note, require that, in the case of establishment of general cooperative relations with inter-governmental organizations, it is necessary to comply with a rather extensive and time-consuming procedure, involving consideration of the matter by our Permanent Council, the negotiation of a formal agreement, its study by the Permanent Council, and its subsequent ratification by the General Assembly. Since the establishment of a relationship with UNIDROIT is considered by this Secretariat to be of considerable immediate importance, and since there has been a considerable lapse of time since this process was initiated, I am of the view that we should proceed as an initial step to the establishment of an inter-secretariat relationship within terms of Article 24 of the Standards. The Secretary General is authorized to conclude such agreements for the purposes of coordination with other organizations provided they do not obligate any other organ of the OAS. Under such an arrangement we would agree to consultation on matters of mutual interest, to the exchange of information and documentation, and to mutual

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representation in meetings where this is permitted by the regulations of the particular meeting and, in the case of the OAS, approved by the convoking body. This letter and your affirmative response can serve to establish this relationship.

If, in the course of our relations under this secretariat agreement, we mutually feel that it would be advisable to proceed to a more formal general agreement, we should be pleased to take the necessary steps to such end.

May I take this opportunity to express to you the appreciation of the OAS for the interest of UNIDROIT in the work of our Organization and the hope that this arrangement will prove fruitful to our respective endeavors.

Sincerely yours

Galo Plaza
Secretary General

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Rome, August 5, 1972

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My dear Mr. Secretary General:

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your letter of 25 July 1972 concerning the relations between our two Organizations and the possibility of concluding a mutual agreement of co-operation along the lines of other similar agreements already in force between UNIDROIT and other Organizations and Institutions, in the first place the United Nations.

I have taken notice of the considerations laid down by you in your letter and of your proposal of proceeding, as an initial step, to the establishment between our two organizations of an inter-secretariat relationship within the terms of your own Standards as regards co-operative relations with other organizations: for the time being, I think, a relationship of this nature can be established at such level, awaiting the establishment of a complete relationship at organizational level. You may therefore consider this letter as the affirmative response mentioned in the first paragraph of page two of your letter, for the purpose of the establishment of the inter-secretariat relationship.

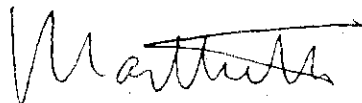
As regards the substantial contents of our relations, I would like to stress that UNIDROIT will be interested, in the first place, in the activities of the organs of O.A.S. operating in the legal field.

I also wish to take this opportunity to welcome the establishment of co-operative relations between UNIDROIT and the OAS and to express the hope that it will lead to very substantial mutual results.

Yours sincerely,

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