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ESTABLISHMENT OF COOPERATIVE RELATIONS BETWEEN  
THE INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR THE  
UNIFICATION OF PRIVATE LAW  
AND THE ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN STATES

(Signed in Rome on August 5, 1972,  
and in Washington, D.C. on July 25, 1972)

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

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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.

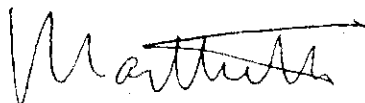
I have taken notice of the considerations laid down by you in your letter and of your proposal of proceeding, as an initial step, to the establishment between our two organizations of an inter-secretariat relationship within the terms of your own Standards as regards co-operative relations with other 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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