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Agreement between the International Labour Organisation and the International Fund for Agricultural Development

PREAMBLE

Whereas the International Labour Organisation (hereinafter called the “ILO”) and the International Fund for Agricultural Development (hereinafter called the “Fund”) are both concerned with raising the employment levels and conditions of life in developing countries and particularly those of the poorest populations and desire to co-operate with each other in order to attain their common objectives, and

Whereas:

- (i) article 12, paragraph 1, of the Constitution of the ILO provides that the ILO shall co-operate within the terms of that Constitution with public international organisations having specialised responsibilities in related fields; and
- (ii) article 8, section 2, of the Agreement establishing the International Fund for Agricultural Development provides that the Fund shall co-operate closely with the organisations of the United Nations system;

Now therefore the ILO and the Fund have agreed as follows:

ARTICLE I

Co-operation and Consultation

Section 1.1 The ILO and the Fund agree that, with a view to facilitating the achievement of their common objectives and to promoting a harmonious approach to rural development, rural employment promotion, skill development and institutional support, they shall act in close co-operation and shall consult each other regularly on matters of mutual concern.

Section 1.2 The ILO and the Fund shall co-operate fully on terms and conditions satisfactory to each other. The Fund, in carrying out its functions, will make use, as it deems appropriate, of the services and expertise of the ILO.

Section 1.3 Any activity carried out by the ILO or the Fund pursuant to this Agreement shall be consistent with the policies, criteria and regulations laid down by the respective governing organs of each organisation.

ARTICLE II

Areas of Co-operation

Section 2.1 For the purpose of identifying, preparing and appraising projects suitable for financing by the Fund, the ILO shall provide to the Fund such advice and assistance as may be agreed between the Parties.

Section 2.2 In addition, the ILO may bring to the notice of the Fund any situation encountered in the normal course of ILO operations in which the Fund's assistance is likely to foster the common purposes of the Parties.

Section 2.3 The ILO and the Fund shall also co-operate in the provision of technical assistance to developing countries to further their common aims, in accordance with arrangements to be agreed upon from time to time.

Section 2.4 Subject to such arrangements as may be necessary to safeguard the confidentiality of any information or document, the ILO and the Fund shall provide each other

with all such data, documents and information as may be necessary for any activity to be carried out under this Agreement.

Section 2.5 To the extent determined from time to time by mutual agreement, the ILO and the Fund shall provide maximum assistance to each other in the preparation of studies in areas of mutual concern.

Section 2.6 The ILO and the Fund shall co-operate in the collection, analysis, publication and dissemination of statistical information with a view to avoiding undesirable duplication, enhancing the effectiveness of their statistical activities and minimising the burden on governments and organisations from which such information is collected.

ARTICLE III

Administrative Arrangements

Section 3.1 The ILO and the Fund shall co-operate to facilitate the interchange, loan or secondment of staff and to promote administrative efficiency and effective co-ordination of their respective activities.

ARTICLE IV

Reciprocal Representation

Section 4.1 The Fund shall invite the ILO to be represented at meetings of the Governing Council and such other meetings held under the auspices of the Fund which are not restricted to statutory membership and are of interest to the ILO, and to participate without the right to vote in their deliberations on items on their agenda in which the ILO has an interest.

Section 4.2 The ILO shall invite the Fund to be represented at the meetings of the International Labour Conference, the Governing Body of the International Labour Office and such other meetings held under the auspices of the ILO as are of interest to the Fund, and to participate without the right to vote in their deliberations on items on their agenda in which the Fund has an interest.

ARTICLE V

Financial Arrangements

Section 5.1 The Fund shall bear all direct and additional indirect costs of the services performed by the ILO at the request of the Fund in pursuance of this Agreement, in accordance with the detailed arrangements to be agreed upon between the Parties.

ARTICLE VI

Final Provisions

Section 6.1 This Agreement shall enter into force on the date on which it is signed by the duly authorised representatives of the ILO and the Fund.

Section 6.2 This Agreement may be modified with the consent of the two Parties in accordance with their respective constitutional procedures.

Section 6.3 This Agreement may be terminated by mutual agreement or may be denounced by either Party giving the other Party six months' written notice. Notwithstanding the expiry of a notice of termination, the Parties agree that the provisions of this Agreement shall remain in full force to the extent necessary to permit the orderly conclusion of any activity undertaken pursuant to this Agreement.

Section 6.4 The Director-General of the ILO and the President of the Fund may enter into such supplementary arrangements within the scope of this Agreement as may be desir-

able in the light of the operating experience of the two organisations to implement this Agreement.

In faith whereof the President of the Fund, duly authorised by the Executive Board of the Fund, and the Director-General of the International Labour Office, duly authorised by the Governing Body of the International Labour Office, have signed the present Agreement in two copies, in French and English, both texts being equally authentic.

For the International Labour
Organisation

(Signed)

Francis BLANCHARD,
*Director-General of the
International Labour Office.*

For the International Fund for
Agricultural Development

(Signed)

Abdelmuhsin M. AL-SUDEARY,
*President of the International
Fund for Agricultural Development.*

Done at Rome, Italy, on 6 December 1978.
