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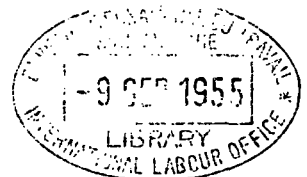
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This proposed amendment was considered by the Governing Body of the International Labour Office at its 109th Session (June 1949). The representative of the World Health Organisation explained that the purpose of the proposed amendment was to make more precise a wording which being in the conditional might be strictly interpreted as not applying to present commitments, and thus would involve merely a change in language not affecting the substance of the article.

The Governing Body noted that the adoption of an amendment to the text of the article might raise the question of making similar amendments in a number of other agreements.

The Governing Body, while having no objection of substance to the proposed amendment, did not consider that there would be any advantage in modifying the text of the Agreement in force, the effective application of which depends upon the maintenance of the spirit of mutual goodwill rather than upon the precise wording of its various articles.

The Governing Body would appreciate it if these considerations could be drawn to the attention of the World Health Assembly with an indication that the Governing Body hopes that, in these circumstances, the World Health Assembly may be willing not to press for the proposed alteration of article 7.

I have the honour to be, etc.,

(Signed) David A. MORSE,
Director-General.

Geneva, 18 March 1950.

Sir,

I have the honour to inform you that the Governing Body at its 110th Session, Mysore, January 1950, was informed of the decision of the World Health Assembly, which in deference to the views expressed by the Governing Body at its 109th Session, agreed not to press for the alteration of article 7 of the Agreement between the International Labour Organisation and the World Health Organisation, which it had previously proposed.

The Governing Body learned with satisfaction of this decision of the World Health Assembly and requested that its appreciation of the attitude taken on this matter by the World Health Assembly be conveyed to that body.

I have the honour to be, etc.,

(Signed) David A. MORSE,
Director-General.

Organisation of American States

Agreement¹ between the International Labour Organisation and the Organisation of American States

PREAMBLE

The International Labour Organisation and the Organisation of American States, Wishing to co-ordinate their efforts to give effect, within the terms of the Charter of the United Nations, the Charter of the Organisation of American States, the Constitution of the International Labour Organisation and other applicable agreements, resolutions and declarations, to their respective principles and objectives, and

Desirous of contributing to the effective accomplishment of the objectives of the two organisations while avoiding overlapping and duplication of activities,

Have agreed upon the following :

ARTICLE I

Mutual Consultation

1. The Organisation of American States and the International Labour Organisation will consult regularly on matters of common interest for the purpose of realising their objectives and co-ordinating their respective functions.

¹ The Agreement came into force on 26 July 1950.

2. The International Labour Organisation will inform the Organisation of American States of any plans for the development of its regional activities in the Americas and will consider any observations concerning such plans which may be communicated to it by the Organisation of American States with a view to accomplishing effective co-ordination between the two organisations.

3. The Organisation of American States will inform the International Labour Organisation of any plans for the development of its activities in regard to subjects of interest to the International Labour Organisation and will consider any observations concerning such plans which may be communicated to it by the International Labour Organisation with a view to accomplishing effective co-ordination between the two organisations.

4. When circumstances so require, consultations will be arranged between representatives of the two organisations to agree upon the most effective manner in which to organise particular activities and to secure the fullest utilisation of the resources of the two organisations.

ARTICLE II

Proposal of Agenda Items

1. Subject to such preliminary consultation as may be necessary, the Inter-American Conference, the Council of the Organisation of American States or the Inter-American Economic and Social Council may propose items for inclusion in the agenda of the Labour Conferences of American States; the International Labour Organisation may propose items for inclusion in the agenda of the meetings of the organs of the Council of the Organisation of American States and of other pertinent inter-American meetings.

2. Each organisation will have recourse to the provisions of this article for the purpose of referring to the other organisation matters which it considers can most appropriately be dealt with by that organisation.

ARTICLE III

Statistical and Legislative Information

The Organisation of American States and the International Labour Organisation will seek the greatest possible co-operation to eliminate all unnecessary duplication of work; they will combine their efforts to obtain the best use of statistical and legislative information and to ensure the most effective utilisation of their resources in the assembling, analysis, publication and diffusion of such information with a view to reducing the burdens on the governments and other organisations from which such information is collected.

ARTICLE IV

Exchange of Information and Documents

1. The fullest and promptest exchange of information and documents concerning matters of common interest will be made between the Organisation of American States and the International Labour Organisation.

2. The Organisation of American States will be kept informed by the International Labour Organisation of developments in the work of the International Labour Organisation which are of interest to the Organisation of American States.

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ARTICLE V

Reciprocal Representation

1. The International Labour Organisation will, subject to effective reciprocity, invite the Organisation of American States to attend the meetings of the International Labour Conference and the Labour Conference of American States Members of the International Labour Organisation. The representatives of the O.A.S. may participate without vote in the deliberations of these bodies and of their committees with respect to matters in which the Organisation of American States is interested.

2. The Council of the Organisation of American States, in preparing the regulations of the Inter-American Conference which are to be submitted to governments for consideration, shall include an article providing that the International Labour Organisation be invited to be represented at the Inter-American Conference. With reference to the Inter-American Specialised Conferences, the Council of the Organisation shall recommend to the corresponding organisation or entity that an invitation should be extended to the International Labour Organisation to be represented in those conferences whenever the items in their programmes may be of interest to the International Labour Organisation. In both cases such representatives may participate without vote in the conferences indicated.

3. Appropriate arrangements may be made by agreement from time to time for the reciprocal representation of the Organisation of American States and the International Labour Organisation at other meetings convened under their respective auspices which consider matters in which the other organisation has an interest.

ARTICLE VI

Administrative Arrangements

The Secretary-General of the Organisation of American States and the Director-General of the International Labour Office will make appropriate administrative arrangements to ensure effective collaboration and liaison between the staffs of the two organisations.

ARTICLE VII

Entry into Force, Modification and Duration

1. The present Agreement will enter into force from the date on which it is signed by the authorised representatives of the Organisation of American States and the International Labour Organisation.

2. The Agreement may be modified with the consent of the two parties.

3. Either of the parties may denounce the Agreement by giving six months' notice to the other party.
