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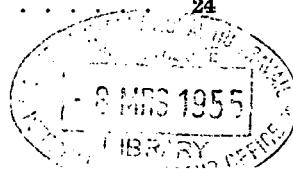
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4. United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East

Letter from the Director-General of the International Labour Office to the Director of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East

Geneva, 20 March 1952.

Dear Mr. Blandford,

At its 118th Session, which has just closed, the Governing Body of the International Labour Office placed on record the importance which the International Labour Organisation attaches to the effective co-ordination of I.L.O. and U.N.R.W.A. activities in the Middle East.

The Governing Body recalled that it had, at its 111th Session (Geneva, March 1950) —following the establishment of U.N.R.W.A.—indicated the willingness of the International Labour Organisation to co-operate with your agency in respect of certain manpower questions, and observed that there had since been contacts between the International Labour Office and U.N.R.W.A. officials and that the I.L.O. Manpower Field Office for the Near and Middle East would keep in close touch with the agency.

The I.L.O. Manpower Field Office for the Middle East is to be established at Istanbul with the co-operation of the Turkish Government and is expected to start work in the very near future. Its task will be to explore and clarify in full collaboration with the governments concerned the needs of the countries of the region for advisory assistance in the manpower field; to assist the governments in formulating their requirements for such assistance; to provide forthwith such assistance as may be appropriate and within the technical capacity of the Office; to arrange with I.L.O. headquarters for provision of assistance requiring additional experts; and to direct, co-ordinate and generally supervise the activities of the I.L.O. on manpower questions in the region.

The Governing Body had been informed of the consideration recently given by the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination to the question of co-operation between the specialised agencies and the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees and of the importance you attach to such co-operation. It noted that such co-operation would be of particular importance in the months ahead in view of the extensive programme for establishing refugees in small industries which is envisaged by your agency, and that the implementation of such a programme would involve questions of employment service organisation and training.

The Governing Body also reiterated the willingness of the International Labour Organisation to co-operate with you by furnishing assistance on matters within the Organisation's competence and asked me to continue to maintain contact with you with a view to ensuring that the I.L.O. is associated with U.N.R.W.A. projects on matters within the Organisation's field of competence and so that I.L.O. assistance may be effectively related to the total assistance given by the United Nations and the specialised agencies to Palestine refugees.

In bringing the above decisions to your attention, I am happy to assure you once again of my keen desire that the Organisation should do everything possible to help you in your work. I shall, to this end, tell the I.L.O. Manpower Field Office for the Near and Middle East that I wish it to pay special attention to the co-operation it can give you. Moreover, I shall at any time be most pleased to receive from you any suggestions you may wish to make for the closer co-ordination of our activities and for closer co-operation between us.

Sincerely,

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

Council of Europe

Agreement between the International Labour Organisation and the Council of Europe

By letter of 22 February 1952 the International Labour Office communicated to the Secretary-General of the United Nations a certified copy

of an Agreement between the International Labour Organisation and the Council of Europe.

The Agreement came into force, in accordance with the provisions of article 12 thereof, on 23 November 1951.

The text of the Agreement is as follows :

Whereas the International Labour Organisation, as a universal organisation, attaches the greatest importance to the maintenance and advancement in the social and labour field of world standards based on the principles set forth in the Constitution of the International Labour Organisation and the Declaration of Philadelphia, and, while co-operating with the United Nations in the maintenance of international peace and security remains outside political controversy between nations or groups of nations, and is at the disposal of all its member nations to co-operate with them either severally or through regional organisations of which they are Members in implementing, in the light of the world standards evolved through the International Labour Organisation, the objectives for which the International Labour Organisation itself exists,

and

Whereas the Council of Europe is a regional organisation the aim of which is to achieve a greater unity between its Members for the purpose of safeguarding and realising the ideals and principles which are their common heritage and facilitating their economic and social progress, this aim being pursued through the organs of the Council by discussion of questions of common concern and by agreements and common action in economic, social, cultural, scientific, legal and administrative matters, and in the maintenance and further realisation of human rights and fundamental freedoms,

Therefore the International Labour Organisation and the Council of Europe,

Wishing to co-ordinate their efforts to give effect, within the terms of the Charter of the United Nations, the Constitution of the International Labour Organisation, the Statute of the Council of Europe and other applicable instruments, to their respective principles and objectives,

Desirous of avoiding unnecessary duplication and overlapping and of facilitating concentration of efforts with a view to securing the most effective use of the resources available to all international and regional organisations,

Have agreed upon the following :

ARTICLE 1

Mutual Consultation

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

2. The International Labour Organisation will inform the Council of Europe of any plans for the development of its regional activities in Europe or of other activities of special interest to the Council of Europe, and will consider any observations concerning such plans which may be communicated to it by the Council of Europe with a view to accomplishing effective co-ordination between the two organisations. The Council of Europe will likewise 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.

3. The Governing Body of the International Labour Office may invite the Committee of Ministers to appoint a representative of the Council of Europe to consult with the Governing Body or any other organ of the International Labour Organisation on any matter of common interest arising in the course of its deliberations. The Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe may likewise invite a representative of the International Labour Organisation to consult with the Committee or some appropriate organ of the Council designated by the Committee on any matter of common interest arising in the course of its deliberations.

4. Appropriate arrangements will be made by consultation between the two organisations to ensure that the organs of the Council of Europe are fully informed concerning relevant activities of the International Labour Organisation when they are considering questions which have a bearing on these activities.

5. Appropriate arrangements shall be made by agreement from time to time between the two organisations for their reciprocal representation at other meetings convened under the auspices of one of them which consider matters in which the other organisation has an interest.

6. When circumstances so require, further consultation 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 2

Proposal of Agenda Items

1. Subject to such preliminary consultation as may be necessary, the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe may, on its own initiative or at the request of the Consultative Assembly, propose items for inclusion in the agenda of the Governing Body of the International Labour Office.

2. Subject to such preliminary consultation as may be necessary, the Governing Body of the International Labour Office may propose items for the agenda of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe, including proposals that items be included in the agenda of the Consultative Assembly of the Council of Europe.

3. 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 3

Regional Tripartite Meetings

1. With a view to securing the fullest co-operation between the two organisations in regard to any European regional meetings of a tripartite character which may be desirable, the following arrangements will be applied.

2. Whenever the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe deems it necessary to hold a European regional meeting of a tripartite character to deal with matters of interest to the Council of Europe which are within the sphere of action of the International Labour Organisation, it shall propose to the Governing Body of the International Labour Office, in accordance with article 2 of this Agreement, that the latter convene such a meeting.

3. The International Labour Organisation will invite the Committee of Ministers to appoint a representative of the Council of Europe to participate in meetings of the Governing Body at which the arrangements for and reports of European regional meetings of a tripartite character as mentioned in the preceding paragraph are discussed.

4. The International Labour Organisation will invite the Committee of Ministers to appoint a representative of the Council of Europe to attend European regional meetings of a tripartite character convened on the initiative of the International Labour Organisation itself.

ARTICLE 4

Regional Technical Meetings

1. The International Labour Organisation and the Council of Europe will consult together to ensure the greatest possible degree of co-ordination in regard to meetings of technical experts concerning questions in which both organisations have an interest.

2. The International Labour Organisation and the Council of Europe may, in appropriate cases, agree to sponsor, on terms to be arranged in each particular case, joint meetings of technical experts concerning questions in which both organisations have an interest. The manner in which action proposed by such joint meetings is undertaken shall be agreed between the two organisations.

ARTICLE 5

Technical Assistance

1. The Council of Europe may ask the International Labour Organisation for technical assistance on matters within the sphere of the International Labour Organisation whenever technical examination of such questions is desirable for the purposes of the Council of Europe.

2. The International Labour Organisation will make every effort to give all appropriate technical assistance to the Council of Europe in regard to such matters in a manner to be agreed in such cases as may arise.

ARTICLE 6

Statistical and Legislative Information

The International Labour Organisation and the Council of Europe 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 burden on the Governments and other organisations from which such information is collected.

ARTICLE 7

Exchange of Information and Documents

1. Subject to such arrangements as may be necessary for the safeguarding of confidential material, the fullest and promptest exchange of information and documents concerning matters of common interest shall be made between the International Labour Organisation and the Council of Europe.

2. The Council of Europe 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 Council of Europe.

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ARTICLE 8

European Specialised Authorities

The Council of Europe will discuss with the International Labour Organisation the most appropriate arrangements for co-operation between the International Labour Organisation and any European specialised authorities operating under the auspices of the Council of Europe with regard to matters in which the International Labour Organisation has an interest, and will facilitate the conclusion of any necessary supplementary arrangements for co-operation between the International Labour Organisation and such specialised authorities.

ARTICLE 9

Administrative Arrangements

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

ARTICLE 10

Financing of Special Services

If compliance with a request for assistance made by either organisation to the other would involve substantial expenditure for the organisation complying with the request, consultation shall take place with a view to determining the most equitable manner of meeting such expenditure.

ARTICLE 11

Implementation of the Agreement

1. The Director-General of the International Labour Office and the Secretary-General of the Council of Europe will consult with each other regularly upon questions arising under the present Agreement.
2. The Director-General of the International Labour Office and the Secretary-General of the Council of Europe will make all necessary arrangements to co-operate in their examination of any technical questions of common interest which may be requested of them by the International Labour Organisation or the Council of Europe.
3. The Director-General of the International Labour Office and the Secretary-General of the Council of Europe may enter into such supplementary arrangements for the implementation of this Agreement as may be found desirable in the light of the operating experience of the two organisations.

ARTICLE 12

Entry into Force, Modification and Duration

1. The present Agreement will enter into force from the date on which it is approved by the Governing Body of the International Labour Office and by the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe.
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.

By letter of 19 March 1952 the Director-General of the International Labour Office informed the Secretary-General of the Council of Europe that at its 118th Session the Governing Body of the International Labour Office

decided that in application of paragraph 3 of article 1 of the Agreement between the Council of Europe and the International Labour Organisation, which concerns Council of Europe representation at I.L.O. meetings, the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe should be regularly invited to make arrangements for the Council of Europe to be represented at future sessions of the Governing Body and of the International Labour Conference.

Such invitations will accordingly be addressed to you on an official basis in respect of future meetings.
