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Addendum

IV. FOLLOW-UP ACTION ON BILATERAL PROPOSALS

D. Replies pertaining to social development, health, labour matters, human resources and cultural affairs

United Nations Children's Fund

1. Co-operation between the League of Arab States (LAS) and UNICEF continued to focus on the welfare of children, through the exchange of information and material, mutual participation in meetings on health and social development, joint sponsorship of studies, exchange of visits and regular consultations.

(a) Joint committee

2. LAS and UNICEF established a joint committee to meet regularly twice per year, alternatively at Tunis and Amman, to discuss matters related to the co-operation between the two organizations. The joint committee met three times so far.

(b) Arab social report

3. UNICEF will assist LAS in the elaboration of the report by preparing a chapter on the "Arab child", as well as providing available basic information and statistics on children in specific Arab countries.

(c) Information and communication

4. LAS and UNICEF agreed to co-ordinate with and consult each other and exchange available information and material on television and radio programmes and other media materials.

(d) Children's Department in the League of Arab States

5. UNICEF will co-operate in the development of a five-year programme for the newly established Children's Department in LAS. To this effect, the Director of the Department visited the UNICEF Mena office and consulted with the Regional Director and all senior staff members. Further consultations will follow.

(e) Studies

6. LAS and UNICEF are considering joint co-operation in conducting a number of studies related to social development in Arab countries.

(f) Meetings

7. UNICEF was represented as an observer at the meetings of Arab Ministers of Social Affairs and Health, and LAS has been invited to attend the sessions of the Executive Board of UNICEF. Mutual invitations were addressed and accepted to attend other meetings held in the region.

(g) Co-operation with the Council of Arab Ministers of Health

8. The Council of Arab Ministers of Health had endorsed, at its eleventh session, held at Casablanca in 1986, the Universal Child Immunization (UCI) 1990 Programme with regard to Arab countries and reaffirmed this endorsement in its twelfth session at Khartoum in 1987.

(h) Joint projects

9. UNICEF is contributing financially and professionally to a joint LAS/United Nations Fund for Population Activities (UNFPA)/Arab Gulf Programme for United Nations Development Organizations (AGFUND)/UNICEF project on a Pan-Arab maternal and child health survey in six Arab countries for a duration of five years.

(i) Arab Child Development Council

10. UNICEF has co-operated financially and professionally with LAS, AGFUND and UNFPA at the constitutional meeting of the Arab Child Council, held at Amman in 1987.
