

6. *Requests* the organizations of the United Nations system to continue and accelerate their efforts through the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination to complete the development of the Common Register throughout the United Nations system as a priority matter;

7. *Recommends* that the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination strengthen the Inter-Organization Board for Information Systems and Related Activities and its staff, so as to ensure its capacity for consultation with agency management with a view to the development of common concepts;

II

8. *Considers* that, for the purpose of information systems, the common concepts applied in support of planning and programming, in the preparation of financial plans and in the formulation of projects should be based on the following principles:

(a) Projects, programmes and related financial plans should be oriented towards results to be obtained (outputs) rather than towards resources required (inputs), as has been the case heretofore;

(b) Project proposals should specify:

(i) The beneficiaries;

(ii) The expected results;

(iii) A time schedule for those results;

(iv) An explanation of how progress in the attainment of results is to be assessed;

9. *Urges* the Secretary-General and the executive heads of the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency to give special emphasis to the utilization by their organizations of common concepts, on the basis set out in paragraph 8 above;

III

10. *Decides* that, in order to facilitate the decision-making process in governing bodies, the project register incorporated in the Common Register should provide:

(a) An inventory of the activities of the organizations of the United Nations system by country, by geographic region, by economic or social discipline, and by broad programme or problem areas;

(b) An inventory of resources by source and status of expenditure of funds, including, if possible, counterpart contributions;

(c) Information relating to goals, purposes and time-tables of the activities of the organizations of the United Nations system;

IV

11. *Requests* the organizations of the United Nations system to report to the Council at its fifty-ninth session, through the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination, on the progress in the implementation of the present reso-

lution; the report should outline the benefits to be obtained from the Common Register by Member States, with special emphasis on developing countries, in the event of implementation on a system-wide basis, and should contain an assessment of the cost implications by participating organizations, both as regards the share of cost to be absorbed by the reallocation of available resources and as regards whatever additional resource requirements might be needed; that assessment of cost implications should indicate, *inter alia*, the amount of costs resulting from the requirement in paragraph 10 (b) above for information on "status of expenditure of funds";

V

12. *Decides* to evaluate fully at its sixty-first session the progress in the development of the Common Register, including agency participation therein.

1918th plenary meeting
31 July 1974

1890 (LVII). Agreement with the World Intellectual Property Organization

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its decision on relations with the World Intellectual Property Organization, adopted at its fifty-fifth session,⁸¹

Having considered the draft agreement prepared by the Council Committee on Negotiations with Intergovernmental Agencies and the Negotiating Committee of the World Intellectual Property Organization⁸² for the purpose of bringing that institution into relationship with the United Nations,

Recommends to the General Assembly that it should approve at its twenty-ninth session the text of the draft agreement set out in the annex to the present resolution.

1918th plenary meeting
31 July 1974

ANNEX

Draft agreement between the United Nations and the World Intellectual Property Organization

PREAMBLE

In consideration of the provisions of Article 57 of the Charter of the United Nations and of article 13 (1) of the Convention establishing the World Intellectual Property Organization, the United Nations and the World Intellectual Property Organization agree as follows:

⁸¹ *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Fifty-fifth Session, Supplement No. 1 (E/5400 and Corr.1), "Decisions", p. 33, under the heading "Relations with the World Intellectual Property Organization".*

⁸² Report on negotiations with the World Intellectual Property Organization (E/5535), annex.

Article 1

RECOGNITION

The United Nations recognizes the World Intellectual Property Organization (hereinafter called the "Organization") as a specialized agency and as being responsible for taking appropriate action in accordance with its basic instrument, treaties and agreements administered by it, *inter alia*, for promoting creative intellectual activity and for facilitating the transfer of technology related to industrial property to the developing countries in order to accelerate economic, social and cultural development, subject to the competence and responsibilities of the United Nations and its organs, particularly the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD), the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), and the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO), as well as of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) and of other agencies within the United Nations system.

Article 2

CO-ORDINATION AND CO-OPERATION

In its relations with the United Nations, its organs and the agencies within the United Nations system, the Organization recognizes the responsibilities for co-ordination of the General Assembly and of the Economic and Social Council under the Charter of the United Nations. Accordingly, the Organization agrees to co-operate in whatever measures may be necessary to make co-ordination of the policies and activities of the United Nations and those of the organs and agencies within the United Nations system fully effective. The Organization agrees further to participate in the work of any United Nations bodies which have been established or may be established for the purpose of facilitating such co-operation and co-ordination, in particular through membership in the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination.

Article 3

RECIPROCAL REPRESENTATION

(a) Representatives of the United Nations shall be invited to attend the sessions of all the bodies of the Organization and all such other meetings convened by the Organization, and to participate, without the right to vote, in the deliberations of such bodies and at such meetings. Written statements presented by the United Nations shall be distributed by the Organization to its members.

(b) Representatives of the Organization shall be invited to attend meetings and to participate, without the right to vote, in the deliberations of the Economic and Social Council, its commissions and committees, of the main committees and the organs of the General Assembly, and of other conferences and meetings of the United Nations, with respect to items on the agenda relating to intellectual property matters within the scope of the activities of the Organization and other matters of mutual interest. Written statements presented by the Organization shall be distributed by the Secretariat of the United Nations to the members of the above-mentioned bodies, in accordance with the relevant rules of procedure.

(c) Representatives of the Organization shall be invited, for purposes of consultation, to attend meetings of the General Assembly of the United Nations when questions as defined in paragraph (b) above are under discussion.

Article 4

PROPOSAL OF AGENDA ITEMS

Subject to such preliminary consultation as may be necessary, the Organization shall arrange for the inclusion in the provisional agenda of its appropriate bodies of items proposed by the United Nations, and the Economic and Social Council, its commissions and committees shall arrange for the inclusion in their provisional agenda of items proposed by the Organization.

Article 5

RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE UNITED NATIONS

(a) The Organization, having regard to the obligation of the United Nations to promote the objectives set forth in Article 55 of the Charter and the function and power of the Economic and Social Council, under Article 62 of the Charter, to make or initiate studies and reports with respect to international economic, social, cultural, educational, health and related matters and to make recommendations concerning these matters to the specialized agencies concerned, and having regard also to the responsibility of the United Nations, under Articles 58 and 63 of the Charter, to make recommendations for the co-ordination of the policies and activities of such specialized agencies, agrees to arrange for the submission, as soon as possible, to the appropriate organ of the Organization, of all formal recommendations which the United Nations may make to it.

(b) The Organization agrees to enter into consultation with the United Nations upon request with respect to such recommendations, and in due course to report to the United Nations on the action taken by the Organization or by its Members to give effect to such recommendations, or on the other results of their consideration.

Article 6

INFORMATION AND DOCUMENTS

(a) Subject to such arrangements as may be necessary for the safeguarding of confidential material, full and prompt exchange of appropriate information and documents shall be made between the United Nations and the Organization.

(b) The Organization shall submit to the United Nations annual reports on its activities.

Article 7

STATISTICAL SERVICES

(a) The United Nations and the Organization agree to strive for the maximum co-operation, the elimination of all undesirable duplication between them and the most efficient use of their technical personnel in their respective collection, analysis, publication and dissemination of statistical information. They agree to combine their efforts to secure the greatest possible usefulness and utilization of statistical information and to minimize the burden placed upon Governments and other organizations from which such information may be collected.

(b) The Organization recognizes the United Nations as the central agency for the collection, analysis, publication, standardization and improvement of statistics serving the general purposes of international organizations.

(c) The United Nations recognizes the Organization as an appropriate agency for the collection, analysis, publication, standardization and improvement of statistics within its special sphere, without

prejudice to the right of the United Nations, its organs and other agencies within the United Nations system to concern themselves with such statistics in so far as they may be essential for their own purposes or for the improvement of statistics throughout the world.

(d) The United Nations shall, in consultation with the Organization and other agencies within the United Nations system, develop administrative instruments and procedures through which effective statistical co-operation may be secured between the United Nations, the Organization and other agencies within the United Nations system brought into relationship with it.

(e) It is recognized as desirable that the collection of statistical information should not be duplicated by the United Nations or any of the agencies within the United Nations system whenever it is practicable for any of them to utilize information or materials which another may have available.

(f) In order to collect statistical information for general use, it is agreed that data supplied to the Organization for incorporation in its basic statistical series or special reports should, so far as practicable, be made available to the United Nations on request.

(g) It is agreed that data supplied to the United Nations for incorporation in its basic statistical series or special reports should, so far as is practicable and appropriate, be made available to the Organization upon request.

Article 8

ASSISTANCE TO THE UNITED NATIONS

The Organization shall, in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations and the basic instrument of the Organization, treaties and agreements administered by the Organization, co-operate with the United Nations in furnishing to it such information, special reports and studies, and in rendering such assistance to it, as the United Nations may request.

Article 9

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

The United Nations and the Organization undertake to co-operate in the provision of technical assistance for development in the field of intellectual creation. They also undertake to avoid undesirable duplication of activities and services relating to such technical assistance and agree to take such action as may be necessary to achieve effective co-ordination of their technical assistance activities within the framework of existing co-ordination machinery in the field of technical assistance. To this end the Organization agrees to give consideration to the common use of available services as far as practicable. The United Nations will make available to the Organization its administrative services in this field for use as requested.

Article 10

TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY

The Organization agrees to co-operate within the field of its competence with the United Nations and its organs, particularly the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD), the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO), as well as the agencies within the United Nations system, in promoting and facilitating the transfer of technology to developing countries in such a manner as to assist these countries in attaining their objectives in the fields of science and technology and trade and development.

Article 11

TRUST, NON-SELF-GOVERNING, AND OTHER TERRITORIES

The Organization agrees to co-operate within the field of its competence with the United Nations in giving effect to the principles and obligations set forth in Chapters XI, XII and XIII of the Charter of the United Nations and in the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples, with regard to matters affecting the well-being and development of the peoples of the Trust, Non-Self-Governing, and other Territories.

Article 12

INTERNATIONAL COURT OF JUSTICE

(a) The Organization agrees to furnish any information which may be requested by the International Court of Justice in pursuance of Article 34 of the Statute of the Court.

(b) The General Assembly of the United Nations authorizes the Organization to request advisory opinions of the International Court of Justice on legal questions arising within the scope of its competence other than questions concerning the mutual relationships of the Organization and the United Nations or other specialized agencies.

(c) Such requests may be addressed to the International Court of Justice by the General Assembly of the Organization, or by the Co-ordination Committee of the Organization acting in pursuance of an authorization by the General Assembly of the Organization.

(d) When requesting the International Court of Justice to give an advisory opinion, the Organization shall inform the Economic and Social Council of the request.

Article 13

RELATIONS WITH OTHER INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

Before the conclusion of any formal agreement between the Organization and any other specialized agency, any intergovernmental organization other than a specialized agency or any non-governmental organization, the Organization shall inform the Economic and Social Council of the nature and scope of the proposed agreement; furthermore, the Organization shall inform the Economic and Social Council of any matter of interagency concern within its competence.

Article 14

ADMINISTRATIVE CO-OPERATION

(a) The United Nations and the Organization recognize the desirability of co-operation in administrative matters of mutual interest.

(b) Accordingly, the United Nations and the Organization undertake to consult together from time to time concerning these matters, particularly the most efficient use of facilities, staff and services and the appropriate methods of avoiding the establishment and operation of competitive or overlapping facilities and services among the United Nations and the agencies within the United Nations system and the Organization and with a view to securing, within the limits of the Charter of the United Nations and the Convention establishing the Organization, as much uniformity in these matters as shall be found practicable.

(c) The consultations referred to in this article shall be utilized to establish the most equitable manner in which any special services or assistance furnished, on request, by the Organization to the United Nations or by the United Nations to the Organization shall be financed.

Article 15

PERSONNEL ARRANGEMENTS

(a) The United Nations and the Organization agree to develop, in the interests of uniform standards of international employment and to the extent feasible, common personnel standards, methods and arrangements designed to avoid unjustified differences in terms and conditions of employment, to avoid competition in recruitment of personnel, and to facilitate any mutually desirable and beneficial interchange of personnel.

(b) The United Nations and the Organization agree:

- (i) To consult together from time to time concerning matters of common interest relating to the terms and conditions of employment of the officers and staff, with a view to securing as much uniformity in these matters as may be feasible;
- (ii) To co-operate in the interchange of personnel, when desirable, on a temporary or a permanent basis, making due provision for the retention of seniority and pension rights;
- (iii) To co-operate, on such terms and conditions as may be agreed, in the operation of a common pension fund;
- (iv) To co-operate in the establishment and operation of suitable machinery for the settlement of disputes arising in connexion with the employment of personnel and related matters.

(c) The terms and conditions on which any facilities or services of the Organization or the United Nations in connexion with the matters referred to in this article are to be extended to the other shall, where necessary, be the subject of subsidiary agreements concluded for this purpose after the entry into force of this Agreement.

Article 16

BUDGETARY AND FINANCIAL MATTERS

(a) The Organization recognizes the desirability of establishing close budgetary and financial relationships with the United Nations in order that the administrative operations of the United Nations and the agencies within the United Nations system shall be carried out in the most efficient and economical manner possible, and that the maximum measure of co-ordination and uniformity with respect to these operations shall be secured.

(b) The Organization agrees to conform, as far as may be practicable and appropriate, to standard practices and forms recommended by the United Nations.

(c) In the preparation of the budget of the Organization, the Director-General of the Organization shall consult with the Secretary-General of the United Nations with a view to achieving, in so far as is practicable, uniformity in presentation of the budgets of the United Nations and of the agencies within the United Nations system for the purposes of providing a basis for comparison of the several budgets.

(d) The Organization agrees to transmit to the United Nations its draft triennial and annual budgets not later than when the said draft budgets are transmitted to its members so as to give the General Assembly sufficient time to examine the said draft budgets, or budgets, and make such recommendations as it deems desirable.

(e) The United Nations may arrange for studies to be undertaken concerning financial and fiscal questions of interest both to the Organization and to the other agencies within the United Nations system, with a view to the provision of common services and the securing of uniformity in such matters.

Article 17

UNITED NATIONS "LAISSEZ-PASSER"

Officials of the Organization shall be entitled, in accordance with such special arrangements as may be concluded between the Secretary-General of the United Nations and the Director-General of the Organization, to use the laissez-passers of the United Nations.

Article 18

IMPLEMENTATION OF THE AGREEMENT

The Secretary-General of the United Nations and the Director-General of the Organization may enter into such supplementary arrangements for the implementation of this Agreement as may be found desirable.

Article 19

AMENDMENT AND REVISION

This Agreement may be amended or revised by agreement between the United Nations and the Organization, and any such amendment or revision shall come into force on approval by the General Assembly of the United Nations and the General Assembly of the Organization.

Article 20

ENTRY INTO FORCE

This Agreement shall enter into force on its approval by the General Assembly of the United Nations and the General Assembly of the Organization.

1891 (LVII). Assistance in cases of natural disaster and other disaster situations

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 2816 (XXVI) of 14 December 1971,

Taking note with appreciation of the annual report of the Secretary-General on assistance in cases of natural disaster and other disaster situations,⁸³

Recognizing the valuable services rendered by various units and organizations of the United Nations system, and in particular the Office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator, in cases of natural disaster and other disaster situations,

Expressing its appreciation for the activities of regional and sub-regional organizations and those of non-governmental organizations concerned in this field,

Convinced that disaster prevention and pre-disaster planning should form an integral part of the international development policy of Governments and international organizations,

Convinced further that the staff limitations of the Office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator have

⁸³ A/9637; transmitted to the Economic and Social Council by a note of the Secretary-General (E/5531).