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**AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE FOOD AND AGRICULTURE  
ORGANIZATION OF THE UNITED NATIONS AND  
THE WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION**

The text of the Agreement between the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations and the World Health Organization and covering correspondence is circulated for the information of the Council

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Excellency,

In accordance with Article XVI of the Agreement between the United Nations and the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, I have the honor to transmit for the information of the Economic and Social Council at its eighth session, the text of the Agreement between the Food and Agriculture Organization and the World Health Organization, as approved by the fourth session of the Conference of the Food and Agriculture Organization in November 1948, and by the First World Health Assembly in July 1948.

Accept, Excellency, etc.

/s/

Norris E. Dodd  
Director-General

His Excellency  
Trygve Lie  
Secretary-General of the United Nations

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AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE FOOD AND AGRICULTURE  
ORGANIZATION AND THE WORLD HEALTH  
ORGANIZATION

As adopted by the First World Health Assembly, July 1948

Article I - Co-operation and consultation

The Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations and the World Health Organization agree that, with a view of facilitating the effective attainment of the objectives set forth in their respective Constitutions within the general framework established by the Charter of the United Nations, they will act in close co-operation with each other, and will consult each other regularly in regard to matters of common interest.

Article II - Reciprocal representation

1. Representatives of FAO shall be invited to attend the meetings of the Executive Board of WHO and of the World Health Assembly and to participate without vote in the deliberations of each of those bodies and of their commissions and committees with respect to items of their agenda in which FAO has an interest.
2. Representatives of WHO shall be invited to attend the meetings of the Executive Committee of FAO, or its successor, and the Conference of FAO and to participate without vote in the deliberations of each of those bodies and of their commissions and committees with respect to items on their agenda in which WHO has an interest.
3. Appropriate arrangements shall be made by agreement from time to time for the reciprocal representation of FAO and WHO at other meetings convened under their respective auspices which consider matters in which the other organization has an interest.

Article III - FAO/WHO joint committee

1. FAO and WHO may refer to a joint committee any question of common interest which it may appear desirable to refer to such a committee.
2. Any such joint committee shall consist of representatives appointed by each organization, the number to be appointed by each being decided by agreement between the two organizations.
3. Representatives of the United Nations and of other specialized agencies of the United Nations will be invited to attend the meetings of joint committees and to participate without vote in their deliberations.
4. The reports of any such joint committee shall be communicated to the Director-General of each Organization for submission to the appropriate body or bodies of the two organizations.
5. Any such joint committee shall regulate its own internal procedure.
6. Arrangements for the provision of suitable secretariat services for any such joint committee shall be made by agreement between the Director-General of FAO and the Director-General of WHO, or their representatives.

#### Article IV - FAO/WHO joint missions

FAO and WHO may establish joint missions under similar arrangements and procedure to those set forth in Article III.

#### Article V - Exchange of information and documents

1. The Director-General of each organization shall keep the other organization fully informed concerning all programmes of work and projected activities in which there may be mutual interest.
2. Subject to such arrangements as may be necessary for the safeguarding of confidential material, the fullest and promptest exchange of information and documents shall be made between FAO and WHO.
3. The Director-General of FAO and the Director-General of WHO, or their representatives shall, upon the request of either party, consult with each other regarding the provision by either organization of such special information as may be of interest to the other.

#### Article VI - Inter-Secretariat committees

The Directors-General of the two organizations, or their representatives, may, when they consider it desirable, establish by agreement inter-secretariat committees to facilitate co-operation in connection with specific programmes of work or projected activities with which the two organizations may be mutually concerned.

#### Article VII - Personnel arrangements

FAO and WHO agree that the measures to be taken by them, within the framework of the general arrangements for co-operation in regard to staff personnel to be made by the United Nations, will include:

- (a) Measures to avoid competition in the recruitment of their staff personnel, including prior consultation concerning appointments in technical fields with which both organizations are concerned; and
- (b) Measures to facilitate interchange of personnel on a temporary or permanent basis, in appropriate cases, in order to obtain the maximum benefit from their services, making due provision for the retention of seniority and pension rights.

#### Article VIII - Statistical services

1. FAO and WHO agree to strive, within the framework of the general arrangements for statistical co-operation made by the United Nations, for maximum co-operation with a view to the most efficient use of their technical personnel in their respective collection, analysis, publication, standardization, improvement and dissemination of statistical information. They recognize the desirability of avoiding duplication in the collection of statistical information whenever it is practicable for either of them to utilize information or materials which the other may have available or may be especially qualified and prepared to collect, and agree to combine their efforts to secure the greatest possible usefulness and utilization of statistical information, and to minimize the burdens placed upon national governments and other organizations from which such information may be collected.

2. FAO and WHO agree to keep each other informed of their work in the field of statistics and to consult each other in regard to all statistical projects dealing with matters of common interest.

Article IX - Financing of special services

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

Article X - Regional and branch offices

FAO and WHO agree to keep each other informed of plans for the initial establishment and relocation of regional and branch offices and to consult together with a view, where practicable, to entering into co-operative arrangements as to location, staffing and the use of common services.

Article XI - Implementation of the Agreement

The Director-General of FAO and the Director-General of WHO shall 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 organizations.

Article XII - Notification to and registration by the United Nations

1. In accordance with their respective agreement, with the United Nations, FAO and WHO will inform the Economic and Social Council forthwith of the terms of the present agreement.

2. On the coming-into-force of the present agreement, in accordance with the provisions of Article XIV, it will be communicated to the Secretary-General of the United Nations for filing and recording, in pursuance of Article 10 of the Regulations, to give effect to Article 102 of the Charter of the United Nations, adopted by the General Assembly of the United Nations on 14 December 1946.

Article XIII - Revision and review

This agreement shall be subject to revision by agreement between FAO and WHO, and shall be reviewed in any case not later than three years after the agreement has come into force.

Article XIV - Entry into force

This agreement shall come into force on its approval by the Conference of FAO and by the World Health Assembly.