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## CO-OPERATION AGREEMENTS WITH INTER-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS

### The conclusion of a co-operation agreement between the International Atomic Energy Agency and the Arab Atomic Energy Agency

1. With a view to facilitating the attainment of its objectives regarding the peaceful uses of atomic energy, the Arab Atomic Energy Agency (AAEA) has expressed a wish to establish co-operation with the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA).
2. Its wish has been supported by the League of Arab States, at whose initiative the AAEA was established. The IAEA concluded a co-operation agreement with the League of Arab States on 15 December 1971 (INF/CIRC/25/Add.3).
3. The Secretariat of the IAEA has been informed that the League of Arab States and the AAEA are two legally and financially independent organizations with their own objectives and programmes.<sup>1/</sup>
4. Pursuant to the provisions of Article XVI.A of the IAEA Statute, a draft co-operation agreement which provides for mutual consultations, reciprocal representation at conferences and scientific meetings and exchange of information has been prepared. It follows the general pattern of a number of co-operation agreements which have been approved by the Board and concluded between the IAEA and other organizations.
5. On 15 June 1990 the Board authorized the Director General, subject to the approval of the General Conference, to conclude with the Arab Atomic Energy Agency the proposed co-operation agreement set forth in Annex 1.

#### RECOMMENDED ACTION BY THE GENERAL CONFERENCE

6. It is recommended that the Conference approve the conclusion of the proposed co-operation agreement with the Arab Atomic Energy Agency set forth in Annex 1.

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<sup>1/</sup> The terms of reference of the AAEA are reproduced in Annex 2.



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CO-OPERATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE INTERNATIONAL ATOMIC  
ENERGY AGENCY AND THE ARAB ATOMIC ENERGY AGENCY

WHEREAS the International Atomic Energy Agency (hereinafter "the Agency") is recognized as the agency responsible, under the auspices of the United Nations, for international activities concerned with the peaceful uses of atomic energy,

WHEREAS the Arab Atomic Energy Agency (hereinafter "the AAEA") is seeking to promote co-operation between the Arab countries in the peaceful applications of atomic energy and the co-ordination of their joint programmes in these fields,

WHEREAS the Board of Governors of the Agency on ..... decided that the Agency should seek to conclude an agreement establishing close collaboration between the Agency and the AAEA in regard to the peaceful uses of atomic energy,

NOW, THEREFORE, the Agency and the AAEA have decided to conclude an agreement for co-operation and have agreed as follows:

ARTICLE I

Co-operation and Consultation

1. With a view to facilitating attainment of the objectives of the Agency as set forth in its Statute, namely to seek to accelerate and enlarge the contribution of atomic energy to peace, health and prosperity throughout the world, and the objectives of the AAEA, to assist the advancement of Arab society by the use of atomic industry, science and research for peaceful purposes in order to raise the living standards of the peoples of the Arab States, the Agency and the AAEA agree to maintain close co-operation with regard to the peaceful uses of atomic energy and to consult regularly in regard to matters of common interest in this domain.

2. Accordingly, when either organization proposes to initiate a programme or activity for the promotion of the peaceful uses of atomic energy in which the other organization has or may have a substantial interest, it shall consult the latter organization with a view to harmonizing their efforts as far as possible, taking into account their world-wide and regional responsibilities respectively.

## ARTICLE II

### Reciprocal Representation

1. Representatives of the Agency shall be invited to attend meetings of the AAEA and to participate without vote in their deliberations in regard to questions of a scientific or technical character.

2. Representatives of the AAEA shall be invited to attend the regular annual sessions of the General Conference of the Agency and to participate without vote in the deliberations of that body and, where appropriate, of its committees with regard to items of a scientific or technical character that are of interest to the AAEA.

3. As necessary, appropriate arrangements shall be made by agreement for the reciprocal representation of the Agency and the AAEA at other meetings convened under their respective auspices to consider scientific, technical and research matters of common interest.

## ARTICLE III

### Exchange of Information

1. The Agency and the AAEA agree to exchange publications and documents relating to scientific, technical and research activities of common interest, subject to any measures which may be necessary to safeguard the confidential nature of certain information and documents.

2. This exchange shall be supplemented, as necessary, by periodical contacts between members of the Secretariats of the two organizations for the purpose of consultation as regards projects or activities of common interest. In addition, each organization shall make available to the other any statistical and legislative information relating to the peaceful uses of atomic energy, in its possession on subjects of common interest.

#### ARTICLE IV

##### Joint Action

The Agency and the AAEA will afford, each to the other, any scientific, technical or research co-operation which may be asked for the purpose of studying questions of common interest. If any such co-operation would involve substantial expenditure, consultation will take place with a view to determining the most equitable manner of meeting such expenditure.

#### ARTICLE V

##### Implementation of the Agreement

The Director General of the Agency and the Director General of the AAEA may enter into such administrative arrangements for the implementation of this Agreement as may be found desirable in the light of the two organizations' experience.

ARTICLE VI

Notification to the United Nations and Filing and Recording

1. In accordance with its Relationship Agreement with the United Nations, the Agency will inform the United Nations forthwith of the terms of this Agreement.
2. On the coming into force of this Agreement in accordance with the provisions of Article IX it will be communicated to the Secretary-General of the United Nations for filing and recording.

ARTICLE VII

Revision of the Agreement

This Agreement shall be subject to revision by agreement between the Agency and the AAEA.

ARTICLE VIII

Denunciation of the Agreement

The Agency or the AAEA may denounce this Agreement by giving six months' notice to the other.

ARTICLE IX

Entry into force

This Agreement shall come into force upon its signature by the Director General of the Agency and the Director General of the AAEA once the statutory requirements of both organizations have been fulfilled.

For the ARAB ATOMIC ENERGY AGENCY:

For the INTERNATIONAL ATOMIC  
ENERGY AGENCY:

(signed)

Director General

(signed)

Director General



Terms of Reference of "Arab Atomic Energy Agency "(AAEA)" 1/

The AAEA is an organization for the peaceful applications of atomic energy and nuclear technology. Its membership is open to all Arab States.

The AAEA functions within the framework of the League of Arab States and has the independent legal personality necessary for the fulfilment of its objectives.

The headquarters of the AAEA are in Tunis in the Republic of Tunisia.

Areas of activity of the AAEA:

- (1) Basic research of sciences related to nuclear energy such as physics, chemistry, life sciences, geology, mineralogy, engineering, etc.;
- (2) Exploration for and extraction of nuclear material and ore;
- (3) Acquisition of technological and scientific capability for establishing all phases of the nuclear fuel cycle, performance of scientific, practical and industrial work needed for the purpose and enabling Member States to acquire the technological capability for a nuclear industry and its peaceful applications;
- (4) Production and use of radioisotopes in agriculture, medicine, industry and other areas;
- (5) Production of electricity, desalting of water and other industrial activities with the use of atomic energy;
- (6) Any other areas deemed appropriate by the AAEA.

Objectives:

- (1) To assist in creating capabilities for and promoting scientific and technological research in the field of atomic energy in its Member States with the collaboration of the specialized institutions and agencies existing there;
- (2) To co-ordinate the efforts and activities of the Arab States on nuclear research, technology, and applications with a view to integration of these activities;
- (3) To establish specialized institutes and centres for basic and applied research related to atomic energy which require joint efforts seeking for this purpose to set up in the first instance an Arab atomic research centre;

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1/ The Constituent Document of the AAEA is available in Arabic and English (17 and 13 pages accordingly); Information provided here has been extracted from that document.

- (4) To mobilize and train qualified manpower in the various required areas of specialization and to prepare long- and short-term plans needed for this purpose;
- (5) To prepare plans, and to implement them in a manner to be determined by the AAEA, for the provision of nuclear material and services needed by the nuclear industry and for the peaceful applications thereof;
- (6) To prepare instruction relating to radiological protection, safety of atomic installations and physical protection, to establish an Arab nuclear regulatory body, to set up a nuclear emergency response system and to provide technical help to Arab States in cases of nuclear accidents;
- (7) To publish scientific and technical data and research results, to exchange publications, printed material and documents, to introduce advanced tools of scientific information and documentation and to seek to establish a specialized scientific documentation centre for this purpose.

Organs of the AAEA:

The Agency has the following main organs:

- (a) A General Conference;
- (b) An Executive Board;
- (c) The Director General.

General Conference:

1. The General Conference is the highest authority of the AAEA.
2. The General Conference is composed of the Ministers responsible for nuclear energy or their equivalents in Member States.
3. The General Conference meets in regular annual session in the month of August at its headquarters on a date to be agreed upon, unless it decides otherwise.
4. Each State has one vote at the General Conference.

Executive Board:

1. The Executive Board is composed of one representative each from the States Parties designated by their governments and holds office for three consecutive years.
2. The Executive Board elects a Chairman and a Vice-Chairman for a period of one year, which term may be renewed.

3. The Executive Board monitors the implementation of the policies and decisions adopted by the General Conference.

4. The Executive Board meets in regular session three times a year at the request of the Director General. It may hold other sessions, as necessary, at the request of its Chairman or one of the members, provided that, in either case, the agreement of half of the membership is obtained.

#### Director General

1. The staff of the AAEA is headed by a Director General, who is selected upon recommendation of the Executive Board from among the candidates nominated by Member States from among their nationals, and who is appointed by decision of the General Conference for a term of four years, which may be renewed twice (for a maximum period of 12 years).

#### Budget

The AAEA has an independent annual budget.

#### Income

The AAEA's income consists of:

- (a) Contributions of Member States determined in accordance with the scale of assessment of their contributions to the budget of the League of Arab States;
- (b) Contributions, donations and bequests the acceptance of which is approved by the General Conference;
- (c) Returns on investments.

