

Memorandum of Understanding
On Co-operation between
the Economic Cooperation Organization
and
the United Nations Children's Fund

Background and Purposes:

This memorandum contains an outline of principles for cooperation between the United Nations Children's Fund (hereinafter called UNICEF) and the Economic Cooperation Organization (hereinafter called ECO). It further indicates certain measures which may promote cooperation, such measures being a possible foundation for mutual assistance in matters of common interest.

The cooperation on questions which are of common interest to both Organizations will take place within the scope of the constitutional instruments, mandates and activities of the two Organizations.

UNICEF was established by the General Assembly of the United Nations as an organ of the United Nations for the purpose of meeting, through the provision of supplies, training and advice, the emergency, long-range and continuing needs of children, particularly in developing countries.

The Treaty of Izmir, founding document of the ECO prescribes for it, *inter alia* the aims of strengthening the unity and solidarity of its Member States, intensifying their cooperation and their efforts to provide better living conditions to their people, and promoting international cooperation.

In the respective efforts of UNICEF and ECO towards the effective achievement of the above-mentioned aims, the cooperation envisaged in this Memorandum may, subject to the foregoing, take several forms, including mutual consultation (exchange of information, documentation and personnel) and joint action when found necessary.

Mutual Consultation and Exchange of Information:

Mutual consultation to promote cooperation may take place where appropriate, for such purposes as the coordination of activities in areas of common interest, the realization of shared objectives, and mutual assistance as appropriate.

The two Organizations shall endeavour to exchange information and documentation to the fullest extent possible in matters of common interest, subject to arrangements which may be required to safeguard the confidential or restricted character of certain information and documents. Where appropriate, information relating to specific projects may be exchanged between the two Organizations at the request of either of them.

The modalities of the cooperation agreed to herein between the two organizations may also consist of the exchange of personnel, on a short-term basis, where desirable, to carry out activities in fields of common interest, in accordance with their respective rules and regulations.

Joint Action:

Either UNICEF or ECO may, when desirable, request cooperation from each other in areas of joint interest. *Ad hoc* arrangements, defining the terms of joint action to be taken with regard to particular issues, may be concluded in accordance with procedures to be agreed upon between UNICEF and ECO. Each organization shall endeavour, as far as possible, under its constitutional instruments and decisions of its governing bodies to respond favourably to such requests for cooperation.

In this context UNICEF may, in cooperation with government authorities concerned, identify projects pertaining to women and children with a regional impact within ECO and propose them to the ECO through the Secretariat for consideration and discuss with the ECO Secretariat, ways and means of implementing these projects. These consultations may include exploration of financing possibilities from national, as well as international, sources.

Similarly, ECO may, in cooperation with Member Governments, identify projects pertaining to women and children with a regional impact within ECO and propose them to UNICEF for consideration and discuss with UNICEF ways and means of implementing these projects. These consultations may include exploration of financing possibilities from national, as well as international, sources.

Reciprocal Representation and Liaison:

Subject to decisions that may be taken by ECO's governing bodies concerning the participation in their meetings by observers, UNICEF may be represented at meetings of ECO specialized committees, and at other meetings dealing with economic and social questions to which observers are admitted and where questions of interest to UNICEF are discussed.

Subject to decisions that may be taken by UNICEF's Executive Board regarding participation of observers in its meetings, ECO may be represented at meetings of Executive Board and other meetings held under UNICEF auspices to which observers are admitted, where questions of interest to ECO are to be discussed.

The two Organizations may make such other arrangements as appear desirable, in the light of experience, to ensure effective liaison between them.

Periodical Joint Review:

The provisions of the Memorandum of Understanding may be amended any time by written agreement between the two Organizations.

In faith whereof the parties have signed this Memorandum in the English language in two copies in Tehran on this 25th day of January, 1994.

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