

**Memorandum of Understanding**  
between  
**the Economic Cooperation Organization**  
and  
**the United Nations International Drug Control Programme**

**Preamble**

The Economic Cooperation Organization (hereinafter referred to as ECO) and The United Nations International Drug Control Programme (hereinafter referred to as UNDCP)

**WISHING** to coordinate their efforts to give effect to the Charters of the United Nations and the ECO and other applicable agreements, resolutions and declarations;

**Recognizing** that UNDCP has the responsibility for coordinating and providing effective leadership of all United Nations drug control activities and is the main focus for concerted international action for drug abuse control, as mandated by General Assembly resolution 45/179;

**Considering** the recognition by ECO of the importance of cooperating fully and participating, as appropriate within its fields of competence, in the international drug control effort;

**Recognizing** the need to enhance efforts to counteract illicit drug activities and to minimize their harmful impact on the social life in the member countries of ECO;

**Desirous** of establishing a firm basis for cooperation with a view to making the maximum contribution to international drug control and promoting the implementation of the provisions of the international drug control treaties, as well as to drug control in the ECO countries;

**Recognizing** that such cooperation should develop in support of practical action and in light of experience already gained;

Agree on the following:

**Mutual Consultation**

1. ECO and UNDCP will consult each other on matters of common interest for the purpose of implementing their drug control related mandates and coordinating their respective activities.
2. They will keep each other informed of developments in any of their activities and projects of mutual interest and will take into consideration the observations of one another concerning such activities with a view to promoting coordination.
3. When appropriate, consultations will be arranged at the required level between

representatives of ECO and UNDCP to agree upon the most effective way of organizing drug control activities and optimizing the use of their resources in compliance with their respective mandates.

### **Exchange of Information**

4. ECO and UNDCP agree to exchange information regularly on drug control matters relating to member countries of ECO, including statistical, legislative and other material, such as survey and study results, position papers, policy reports and reports of important meetings and seminars.

5. Subject to such arrangements as may be necessary for the safeguarding of confidential material, ECO and UNDCP shall ensure full and prompt exchange of information and documents concerning matters of common interest.

6. ECO and UNDCP shall inform each other about drug control events such as seminars, fora and workshops on matters in which the other may have an interest and consult on follow-up activities.

7. ECO and UNDCP will each designate a focal point with a view to ensuring the implementation of the provisions of the present Memorandum of Understanding.

8. UNDCP will endeavour to provide ECO with adequate and updated drug control reference material.

### **Technical Cooperation**

9. In pursuing their respective drug control activities in areas of drug supply and demand reduction, ECO and UNDCP will seek each other's technical cooperation as appropriate to assist in the development and implementation of such activities which would include but not be limited to areas, such as:

- improving regional cooperation on drugs intelligence, legislation,
- financial investigation,
- money laundering,
- precursor control, and
- the establishment of a networking arrangement among existing institutions in drug abuse prevention.

10. Whenever appropriate, ECO and UNDCP will endeavour to share expertise pertaining to the study of illicit drug trafficking trends and patterns of drug abuse.

11. In order to facilitate lasting achievements specific activities shall as far as possible form part

of a planned approach in terms of projects or programmes with suitable duration and with set goals. The terms and conditions and the execution modalities of such projects/programmes will be mutually agreed upon.

#### General Provisions

12. This Memorandum of Understanding shall enter into force on the date on which it is signed by the Parties.

13. This Memorandum of Understanding may be modified by mutual written consent. It may be terminated by either Party giving three months written notice to the other.

In witness whereof, the Secretary General of the Economic Cooperation Organization and the Personal Representative of the Secretary General of

The United Nations Organization on behalf of the Executive Director of the United Nations International Drug Control Programme sign the present Memorandum of Understanding in duplicate on the dates appearing under their respective signatures.

For ECO

Shamshad Ahmad  
Secretary General

For UNDCP

Rafeeuddin Ahmed Personal  
Representative of the  
Under-Secretary of  
The United Nations