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5. The meeting was agreed in considering that the general principles formulated by the Council in regard to the proposed appraisals expressed the spirit in which both the Economic and Social Council and the Governing Body would wish to work together in the discharge of their respective responsibilities.

6. In the light of the elucidation by the Economic and Social Council of its original intention and of the discussions which had taken place, the representatives of the Governing Body indicated that they would now be prepared to recommend to the Governing Body to co-operate fully in the proposed appraisals and the provision of information for inclusion in the proposed consolidated report.

7. The representatives of the Governing Body also expressed the hope that the Economic and Social Council would in future seek to limit the information it requests for purposes of co-ordination to what is really essential for that purpose. While the representatives of the Council placed stress on the responsibility of the Council under the Charter, and the representatives of the Governing Body emphasised the unique character of the International Labour Organisation as a tripartite body in which employers and workers enjoy equal status with governments, there was general agreement that co-ordination is essentially a practical matter and will be most useful and successful when directed to an immediate practical result, and that it is essentially a matter of mutual co-operation, to be sought and achieved, as the Council itself has said, not by directives or orders, but by consultations, persuasion and full co-operation.

8. Advantage was taken of the meeting for an informal exchange of views concerning a number of other matters of interest to both the Economic and Social Council and the International Labour Organisation, which will be raised in due course through the appropriate procedures.

International Atomic Energy Agency

The proposed text of an agreement between the International Labour Organisation and the International Atomic Energy Agency was approved by the Board of Governors and the General Conference of the I.A.E.A. on 18 September and 1 October 1958 respectively, and by the Governing Body of the I.L.O. at its 140th Session on 21 November 1958. In accordance with the provisions of its article XIII the agreement entered into force on 21 November 1958.

The text of the agreement is reproduced below:

Agreement between the International Labour Organisation and the International Atomic Energy Agency

Article I

CO-OPERATION AND CONSULTATION

1. The International Labour Organisation and the International Atomic Energy Agency agree that with a view to facilitating the effective attainment of the objectives set forth in their respective constitutional instruments, 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.

2. The International Labour Organisation recognises the primary responsibility of the International Atomic Energy Agency, as recognised in the agreement between the United Nations and the International Atomic Energy Agency and in the exchange of letters which accompanied that agreement, to encourage and assist research on and the development and practical application of atomic energy for peaceful purposes throughout the world, as set forth in the Statute of the International Atomic Energy Agency, and will co-operate with the Agency in measures initiated by it to secure co-ordination of activities in these fields.

3. The International Atomic Energy Agency recognises the primary responsibility of the International Labour Organisation, as recognised in the agreement between the United Nations and the International Labour Organisation, to further among the nations of the world programmes which will achieve the objectives set forth in the Constitution of the International Labour Organisation and will co-operate with the International Labour Organisation in measures initiated by it to secure co-ordination of activities in these fields.

4. The International Labour Organisation and the International Atomic Energy Agency recognise that their activities may, in certain fields, be complementary to each other in a manner which calls for close and continuing co-operation between the two organisations. Therefore, in all cases where either organisation proposes to initiate a programme or activity on a subject in which the other organisation has or may have a substantial interest, the first party shall consult the other before adopting the programme or initiating the activity.

Article II

RECIPROCAL REPRESENTATION

1. Representatives of the International Labour Organisation shall be invited to attend the General Conference of the International Atomic Energy Agency and to participate without vote in the deliberations of that body and where appropriate of its committees with respect to items on their agenda in which the International Labour Organisation has an interest.

2. Representatives of the International Atomic Energy Agency shall be invited to attend the International Labour Conference and to participate without vote in the deliberations of that body and where appropriate of its committees with respect to items on their agenda in which the International Atomic Energy Agency has an interest.

3. Representatives of the International Labour Organisation shall be invited, as appropriate, to attend meetings of the Board of Governors of the International Atomic Energy Agency and to participate without vote in the deliberations of that body and of its commissions and committees with respect to items on their agenda in which the International Labour Organisation has an interest.

4. Representatives of the International Atomic Energy Agency shall be invited, as appropriate, to attend meetings of the Governing Body of the International Labour Office and to participate without vote in the deliberations of that body and where appropriate of its committees with respect to items on their agenda in which the International Atomic Energy Agency has an interest.

5. Appropriate arrangements shall be made by agreement from time to time for the reciprocal representation of the International Labour Organisation and the International Atomic Energy Agency at other meetings convened under their respective auspices which consider matters in which the other organisation has an interest.

Article III

EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION AND DOCUMENTS

1. Subject to such arrangements as may be necessary for the safeguarding of confidential material, the International Labour Office and the Secretariat of the International Atomic Energy Agency shall keep each other fully informed concerning all projected activities and all programmes of work which may be of interest to the other party.

2. The International Labour Organisation and the International Atomic Energy Agency recognise that they may find it necessary to apply certain limitations for the safeguarding of confidential information furnished to them. They therefore agree that nothing in this agreement shall be construed as requiring either of them to furnish such information as would, in the judgment of the party possessing the information, constitute a violation of the confidence of any of its member States or of anyone from whom it has received such information or otherwise interfere with the orderly conduct of its operations.

3. The Director-General of the International Labour Office and the Director-General of the International Atomic Energy Agency or their representatives shall, at the request of either party, arrange for consultations regarding the provision by either party of such special information as may be of interest to the other party.

Article IV

PROPOSAL OF AGENDA ITEMS

After such preliminary consultations as may be necessary, the International Labour Organisation shall include on the agenda of its Governing Body items proposed to it by the International Atomic Energy Agency. Similarly, the International Atomic Energy Agency shall include on the provisional

agenda of its Board of Governors items proposed by the International Labour Organisation. Items submitted by either party for consideration by the other shall be accompanied by an explanatory memorandum.

Article V

CO-OPERATION BETWEEN SECRETARIATS

The International Labour Office and the Secretariat of the International Atomic Energy Agency shall maintain a close working relationship in accordance with such arrangements as may have been agreed upon from time to time by the Directors-General of the International Labour Office and of the International Atomic Energy Agency.

Article VI

ADMINISTRATIVE AND TECHNICAL CO-OPERATION

The International Labour Office and the International Atomic Energy Agency agree to consult each other from time to time regarding the most efficient use of personnel and resources and appropriate methods of avoiding the establishment and operation of competitive or overlapping facilities and service.

Article VII

STATISTICAL SERVICES

In view of the desirability of maximum co-operation in the statistical field and of minimising the burdens placed on national governments and other organisations from which information may be collected, the International Labour Office and the International Atomic Energy Agency undertake to avoid undesirable duplication between them with respect to the collection, compilation and publication of statistics and to consult with each other on the most efficient use of information, resources and technical personnel in the field of statistics.

Article VIII

PERSONNEL ARRANGEMENTS

The International Labour Organisation and the International Atomic Energy Agency agree that the measures to be taken by them, within the framework of any general arrangements for co-operation in regard to personnel matters which are made by the United Nations, will include—

- (a) measures to avoid competition in the recruitment of their personnel; 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 protection of the seniority, pension and other rights of the personnel concerned.

Article IX

FINANCING OF SPECIAL SERVICES

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

Article X

IMPLEMENTATION OF THE AGREEMENT

The Director-General of the International Labour Office and the Director-General of the International Atomic Energy Agency may enter into such arrangements for the implementation of this agreement as may be found desirable in the light of the operating experience of the two organisations.

Article XI

NOTIFICATION TO THE UNITED NATIONS AND FILING AND RECORDING

1. In accordance with their respective agreements with the United Nations, the International Labour Organisation and the International Atomic Energy Agency will inform the United Nations 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 XIII, it will be communicated to the Secretary-General of the United Nations for filing and recording.

Article XII

REVISION OF THE AGREEMENT

This agreement shall be subject to revision by agreement between the International Labour Organisation and the International Atomic Energy Agency.

Article XIII

ENTRY INTO FORCE

This agreement shall come into force on its approval by the Governing Body of the International Labour Office and the General Conference of the International Atomic Energy Agency.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Director-General of the International Labour Office and the Director-General of the International Atomic Energy Agency have affixed their signatures to two authentic texts of the agreement, the texts in English and French being equally authoritative.

For the International Labour Organisation:

David A. MORSE.

8 May 1959.

For the International Atomic Energy Agency:

Sterling COLE.

8 May 1959.

Western European Union

After an exchange of correspondence between the Director-General of the International Labour Office and the Secretary-General of the Western European Union concerning the development of relations between the two organisations, the following arrangement was concluded by them in Paris on 11 January 1958:

Arrangement between the Director-General of the International Labour Office and the Secretary-General of Western European Union

1. The Director-General of the International Labour Office and the Secretary-General of Western European Union have agreed that the positive results achieved hitherto through mutual consultation and collaboration between the International Labour Office and the Social Committee of Western European Union on matters of common concern should be widened and further strengthened.

2. In order to avoid duplication and overlapping, the field of consultation should cover all activities of common concern, including social security, manpower, industrial safety and health, statistics, co-operation between public authorities and employers' and workers' organisations, labour inspection and workers' welfare. Where appropriate, such consultations would lead to the formulation of proposals concerning the collaboration between the two organisations on a specific problem.

3. The International Labour Office and Social Committee of Western European Union will keep each other informed by the transmission of documents or otherwise of developments in the