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arrangements will be made, if possible, for the visits of officers of the two Organisations to coincide so that local consultation may be arranged.

10. In order to ensure the closest possible co-operation between the two Organisations, particularly in field activities, frequent meetings between the principal technical officers concerned shall be held.

APPENDIX II

Division of Rural Industries

I.L.O.

Cottage industries and handicrafts

Bookbinding
Ceramics (bricks, tiles, pottery, china)
Carpentry and joinery
Carving (wood, ivory, etc.)
Lacework and embroidery
Lapidary work
Mats and carpets
Metal work
Sports requisites
Stone cutting
Upholstery
Wicker work

F.A.O.

Industries for the processing of agricultural products and the manufacture of agricultural implements

Processing of agricultural products, e.g. dates, hides and skins (including curing, tanning), rice, rubber, sago, sugar, tapioca, vegetable oils and fibres.

Manufacture of agricultural implements and requisites.

Note. In borderline cases, such as spinning and weaving, all projects will be the subject of consultation. If a project in this field comes out of another already undertaken by one Organisation, then the same Organisation would have responsibility notwithstanding the above list, e.g. an F.A.O. tanning expert might undertake certain other forms of leather work.

Organisation for European Economic Co-operation

Conclusions concerning the Relations between the International Labour Organisation and the Organisation for European Economic Co-operation

On 8 November 1955 the Director-General of the I.L.O. and the Secretary-General of the O.E.E.C. agreed on the text of conclusions concerning relations between their respective organisations.¹ The exchange of correspondence which took place in this connection and the text of the conclusions are reproduced below.

Letter from the Director-General of the International Labour Office to the Secretary-General of the Organisation for European Economic Co-operation

Geneva, 8 November 1955.

Dear Mr. Sergent,

I am glad to confirm that the attached document contains the Conclusions reached at the recent consultations between myself, Mr. Colonna and certain members of our staffs regarding the development of the relations between the International Labour Office and the Secretariat of the O.E.E.C.

I warmly welcome this further step towards the strengthening of co-operation between our respective Organisations.

¹ The arrangements provided for in these conclusions were approved by the Council of the O.E.E.C. on 13 January 1956 and by the Governing Body of the I.L.O. at its 131st Session (Geneva, March 1956).

I will keep you informed of the action taken by the Governing Body of the International Labour Office concerning the question of attendance of O.E.E.C. observers at meetings of the International Labour Organisation dealing with issues of common concern mentioned in paragraph 3 (e) of the Conclusions. Would you be good enough to let me know in due course of the action of your Council with regard to the question of attendance of I.L.O. observers at meetings of your Organisation.

Sincerely,

(Signed) David A. MORSE,
Director-General.

Letter from the Secretary-General of the Organisation for European Economic Co-operation to the Director-General of the International Labour Office

Paris, 8 November 1955.

Dear Mr. Morse,

I am glad to confirm that the attached paper contains the Conclusions reached at the recent consultations between you, Mr. Colonna and certain members of our staff regarding the development of the relations between the International Labour Office and the Secretariat of the O.E.E.C.

I trust that the measures that are envisaged will further strengthen the co-operation between our Organisations.

I should be very grateful if you would keep me informed of the action taken by the Governing Body of the International Labour Office concerning the question of attendance of O.E.E.C. observers at meetings of the International Labour Organisation dealing with issues of common concern mentioned in paragraph 3 (e) of the Conclusions. For my part, I shall not fail to inform you of the action taken by the Council of my Organisation with regard to the attendance of I.L.O. observers at the meetings of the Organisation.

Yours sincerely,

(Signed) René SERGENT,
Secretary-General.

TEXT OF THE CONCLUSIONS OF THE CONSULTATIONS BETWEEN THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF THE I.L.O. AND THE SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE O.E.E.C. CONCERNING RELATIONS BETWEEN THEIR RESPECTIVE ORGANISATIONS

(Geneva, June 1955)

1. In the course of an exchange of views which took place on 27 June 1955, and was completed in September of that year, between the Director-General of the I.L.O. and Mr. G. Colonna, Deputy Secretary-General of the O.E.E.C., and members of their staffs, concerning the development of relations between their respective Organisations, note was taken of the positive results achieved hitherto through mutual consultation and collaboration on matters of common concern, especially as regards manpower problems.

2. It was recognised that, in order to avoid duplication, overlapping and confusion, the field of mutual consultation should be widened in future and, in addition to activities of the two Organisations relating to manpower problems, should cover also other activities of common concern such as those relating to problems of productivity and, in particular, human relations in industry, as well as to problems concerning the possible incidence of disparities in the social policies of European countries on further progress in co-operation in the field of trade and payments.

Where appropriate, such consultations should lead to the formulation of proposals concerning the collaboration between the two Organisations on a specific problem.

3. To give effect to these Conclusions the Director-General of the International Labour Office and the Secretary-General of the O.E.E.C. have agreed as follows :

(a) The existing liaison arrangements between the International Labour Office and the Secretariat of the O.E.E.C. should be maintained and, where appropriate, improved.

- (b) The International Labour Office and the Secretariat of the O.E.E.C. should continue to keep each other informed—by the transmission of documents or otherwise—of developments in the work of their Organisations which are of common interest. Safeguards should be provided to preserve the confidential character of restricted documents.
- (c) Mutual consultation between the International Labour Office and the Secretariat of the O.E.E.C. should aim at the elaboration of the best forms of co-ordination with regard to the handling of matters of common interest. The International Labour Office will give prompt and sympathetic consideration to any request on behalf of the Secretary-General of the O.E.E.C. to undertake or participate in a Project of the European Productivity Agency.
- (d) At least once a year members of the International Labour Office and the Secretariat of the O.E.E.C., from services concerned with matters of common interest to the two Organisations as well as with the liaison between them, should meet in Geneva or Paris and jointly proceed to a general review of the current activities and programmes of the two Organisations in relation to matters of common concern.
- (e) The Director-General of the International Labour Office and the Secretary-General of the O.E.E.C. should request authority from the Governing Body and the Council, respectively, to invite observers to attend meetings of their Organisations whenever issues of common concern are on the agenda. The observers should have the right, with the permission of the Chairman of the meeting, to take part, without vote, in the discussion.

Letter from the Director-General of the International Labour Office to the Secretary-General of the Organisation for European Economic Co-operation

Geneva, 23 June 1955.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge with thanks the receipt of your letter (RS-227) of 8 November 1955, confirming that you agree with the Conclusions on the consultations that took place recently between the Secretariats of our two Organisations.

Your letter arrived after the meeting of the competent committee of the Governing Body and it therefore has not been possible to submit to the Governing Body, at its present session, the question of inviting observers from the O.E.E.C. to attend meetings on matters of common concern. You may rest assured, however, that I shall not fail to submit this question to the Governing Body at its next session and to inform you of the Governing Body's decision in this connection.

I have the honour to be, etc.,

(Signed) David A. MORSE,
Director-General.