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work of the two organisations which are of common interest; restricted documents communicated by either organisation to the other will not be published in whole or in part without the concurrence of the organisation originating them.

4. A representative of the International Labour Organisation will be invited to attend the meetings of the Social Committee of Western European Union and its subcommittees whenever the participation of an observer appears desirable in view of the inclusion in the agenda of questions of mutual interest. Reciprocal arrangements for the attendance of a representative of Western European Union at meetings convened by the International Labour Organisation will be made in appropriate cases.

5. The Director-General of the International Labour Office and the Secretary-General of Western European Union will maintain through their duly appointed representatives regular liaison to secure the full implementation of this arrangement through consultations, correspondence or other appropriate means.

11 January 1958.

(Signed) David A. MORSE.

L. GOFFIN.

This arrangement was noted at its 138th Session (Geneva, March 1958) by the Governing Body of the I.L.O., which authorised the Director-General to invite observers from the Western European Union to participate in I.L.O. meetings whenever their agenda included questions of mutual interest to the two organisations. The following letter was subsequently addressed by the International Labour Office to the Western European Union:

LETTER FROM THE INTERNATIONAL LABOUR OFFICE
TO THE WESTERN EUROPEAN UNION

(Translation)

Geneva, 19 March 1958.

Sir,

On behalf of the Director-General, I have the honour to inform you that, at its 138th Session (Geneva, 11-15 March 1958), the Governing Body of the International Labour Office noted the arrangement concluded with you in Paris on 11 January 1958.

On the same occasion the Governing Body also gave the Director-General the necessary authority to enable him to invite observers from the Western European Union to participate in I.L.O. meetings whenever their agenda includes questions of mutual interest to the two organisations.

The latter decision will permit of the full enactment of the Paris Agreement and I am happy to see this new and important step in the development of relations of close and cordial co-operation between the International Labour Office and the Western European Union.

I have the honour to be, etc.

(Signed) C. W. JENKS,
Assistant Director-General.

League of Arab States

Following the receipt by the Director-General of the I.L.O. of a communication from the Secretary-General of the League of Arab States proposing the establishment of a formal agreement concerning relations between the I.L.O. and the League, negotiations took place between the two organisations and resulted in the formulation of a proposed text which was approved by the Governing Body of the I.L.O. at its 138th Session (Geneva, March 1958) and by the Council of the League of Arab States in April 1958. The text of the agreement, which was signed and entered into force on 26 May 1958, is reproduced below:

**Agreement between the International Labour Organisation and the League
of Arab States**

PREAMBLE

Whereas the International Labour Organisation, as a universal organisation, attaches the greatest importance to the maintenance and advancement in the social and labour field of world standards based on the principles set forth in the Constitution of the International Labour Organisation and the Declaration of Philadelphia, and, while co-operating with the United Nations in the maintenance of international peace and security remains outside political controversy between nations or groups of nations, and is at the disposal of all its member nations to co-operate with them either severally or through regional organisations of which they are Members in implementing, in the light of the world standards evolved through the International Labour Organisation, the objectives for which the International Labour Organisation itself exists,

Whereas the League of Arab States desires to promote—in co-operation with the International Labour Organisation—the welfare of the peoples of its member States,

The International Labour Organisation and the League of Arab States,

Desirous of contributing within the general framework of the Charter of the United Nations to the effective accomplishment, in the Arab States, of the objectives of the International Labour Organisation,

Have agreed upon the following:

Article I

MUTUAL CONSULTATION

1. The League of Arab States and the International Labour Organisation will consult regularly on matters of common interest for the purpose of furthering the effective accomplishment in the Arab States of the objectives of the International Labour Organisation.

2. The International Labour Organisation will inform the League of Arab States of any plans for the development of its regional activities within the territories of the member States of the League and will consider any observations concerning such plans which may be communicated to it by the League of Arab States with a view to accomplishing effective co-ordination between the two organisations.

3. The League of Arab States will inform the International Labour Organisation of any plans for the development of its activities in regard to subjects of interest to the International Labour Organisation and will consider any observations concerning such plans which may be communicated to it by the International Labour Organisation with a view to accomplishing effective co-ordination between the two organisations.

4. When circumstances so require, consultations will be arranged between representatives of the two organisations to agree upon the most effective manner in which to organise particular activities and to secure the fullest utilisation of the resources of the two organisations.

Article II

STATISTICAL AND LEGISLATIVE INFORMATION

1. The League of Arab States and the International Labour Organisation will seek the greatest possible co-operation to eliminate all unnecessary duplication of work; they will combine their efforts to obtain the best use of statistical and legislative information and to ensure the most effective utilisation of their resources in the assembling, analysis, publication and diffusion of such information with a view to reducing the burdens on the governments and other organisations from which such information is collected.

2. The League of Arab States and the International Labour Organisation will consult together regularly concerning the most appropriate arrangements for the preparation of Arabic texts of Conventions and Recommendations adopted by the International Labour Conference and other I.L.O. documents of special interest to the Arab States.

Article III

EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION AND DOCUMENTS

1. The fullest and promptest exchange of information and documents concerning matters of

common interest will be made between the League of Arab States and the International Labour Organisation.

2. The League of Arab States will be kept informed by the International Labour Organisation of developments in the work of the International Labour Organisation which are of interest to the League.

3. The International Labour Organisation will be kept informed by the League of Arab States of developments in the work of the League which are of interest to the International Labour Organisation.

Article IV

RECIPROCAL REPRESENTATION

For the purpose of furthering the effective accomplishment in the Arab States of the objectives of the International Labour Organisation, the International Labour Organisation will invite the League of Arab States to be represented at meetings of the International Labour Conference and the League of Arab States will invite the International Labour Organisation to be represented at its meetings whenever matters in which the International Labour Organisation is interested are under consideration.

Article V

ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS

The Secretary-General of the League of Arab States and the Director-General of the International Labour Office will make appropriate administrative arrangements to ensure effective collaboration and liaison between the staffs of the two organisations.

Article VI

ENTRY INTO FORCE, MODIFICATION AND DURATION

1. The present agreement will enter into force from the date on which it is signed by the authorised representatives of the League of Arab States and the International Labour Organisation.

2. The agreement may be modified with the consent of the two parties.

3. Either of the parties may denounce the agreement by giving six months' notice to the other party.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Director-General of the International Labour Office, duly authorised by the Governing Body of the International Labour Office, and the Secretary-General of the League of Arab States, duly authorised by the Council of the League of Arab States, sign the present agreement in duplicate in English.

For the International Labour Organisation:

David A. MORSE,
Director-General
of the International Labour Office.

For the League of Arab States:

A. HASSOUNA,
Mohamed Abdel Khalek HASSOUNA,
Secretary-General
of the League of Arab States.

Done at Geneva, this twenty-sixth day of May, nineteen hundred and fifty-eight.

European Economic Community

The proposed text of an agreement between the International Labour Organisation and the European Economic Community was approved by the Commission of the E.E.C. in June 1958 and by the Governing Body of the I.L.O. at its 139th Session (Geneva, May-June 1958). The agreement entered into force on 7 July 1958 following its signature on that date by the Director-General of the I.L.O. and by the President of the Commission of the E.E.C.