

## **COOPERATION AGREEMENT**

between:

### **THE ARAB LEAGUE**

and:

### **THE "ASIAN-AFRICAN" LEGAL CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE**

#### **Preamble:**

Considering the Articles of the Arab League Pact (referred to as "the League") calling member countries to foster their mutual relationships and to establish close cooperation between themselves in various affairs for the common interest of the Arab countries;

And Considering the Asian-African Legal Consultative Committee (referred to as "the Committee") which has been established to promote cooperation between member countries and the other international agencies and organizations especially as regards legal affairs

And Desiring to coordinate their different efforts within the framework of both the Pact of the League and the Statutes of the Committee, in order to realize their common objectives, have agreed as to the following:

#### **Article I**

Cooperation and Consultations

The League and the Committee, with a view to facilitating and executing their objectives, undertake to establish close cooperation between them and to exchange consultation in all other affairs relating to their common interest.

#### **Article II**

Mutual Representation in the Meetings

1. The League and the Committee shall take the appropriate steps to ensure their mutual representation in the meetings which would be held under their auspices to study matters of interest to both parties.
2. Each party shall bear the expenses of its participation in the meetings.
3. In certain cases, the League and the Committee agree to organize common meetings under their auspices according to the terms and conditions to be agreed upon between them for each case separately, to discuss matters of common interest.

#### **Article III**

Exchange of Documentation

Paying due regard to the necessary arrangements to safeguard the secrecy of information, the Secretariat of each of the League and the Committee shall, on a regular basis, exchange publications and documents pertaining to matters of common interest.

#### **Article IV**

Mutual Cooperation

- I- The League and the Committee shall arrange to afford cooperation between them as regards their work and necessary activities with a view to studying matters of common interest.

- 2- In addition, the two institutions shall exchange information necessary to coordinate their activities.
- 3- When activities are developed between the League and the Committee with regard to matters of common interest, each of them may require technical cooperation from the other.
- 4- The two institutions shall endeavour to afford the follow up of the technical assistance requests in accordance with the formats to be agreed upon for each separate case.
- 5- This mutual assistance may take the form of exchanging experts between the two parties.

#### **Article V**

##### Expenses

When any one of the contracting parties proposes cooperation with the other party in a matter that incurs additional expenses, consultations shall be made between the two parties to specify the means of financing such additional expenses.

#### **Article VI**

##### Amendment of Agreement

This agreement may be amended by the mutual consent of its two parties.

#### **Article VII**

##### Termination

This agreement may be terminated by either party through a six-months written notice notifying the other party of its intention to terminate the agreement.

#### **Article VIII**

##### Date of Coming into Force

This agreement shall come into force as from the date of its signature by both the Secretary General of the Arab League and the Secretary General of the "Asian-African" Consultative Legal Committee.

In affirmation of the foregoing, the representatives of both the Arab League and the "Asian-African" Legal Consultative Committee, duly authorised by the competent authorities, have signed this agreement in two copies in English, French and Arabic, any of these copies shall be equally binding.

Drawn up on **7 July 1992**

**For**  
the Arab League

**DR AHMED ESMAT ABDELMAGID**  
**Secretary General**

**For**  
the "Asian-African" Legal Consultative Committee

**FRANK X. NJENGA**  
**Secretary General**