

**CO-OPERATION AGREEMENT
BETWEEN
THE INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR MIGRATION
AND
THE ASIAN-AFRICAN LEGAL CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE**

Preamble

Whereas the International Organization for Migration (hereinafter referred to as "IOM") is committed to the principle that humane and orderly migration benefits migrants and society, and works towards effective respect of the human dignity and well-being of migrants,

Whereas the purposes of the Asian-African Legal Consultative Committee (hereinafter referred to as "AALCC") is to serve as an advisory body to its member governments in the field of international law and as a forum for Asian-African co-operation in legal matters of common concern,

IOM and AALCC, desirous of contributing, within the general framework of the Constitution of IOM, the Statutes and Statutory Rules of AALCC, to the effective accomplishment of those objectives which they have in common, in the light of their respective responsibilities,

Have agreed upon the following:

Article I

Co-operation and Consultation

IOM and AALCC agree to act in close co-operation on matters of mutual interest with a view to harmonising their efforts towards greater effectiveness, for the purpose of furthering the effective accomplishment of their common objectives.

Article II

Reciprocal Representation

1. IOM will invite AALCC upon its application and acceptance thereof by IOM Council, to be represented in an observer capacity at meetings of the Council of IOM.
2. AALCC will likewise invite IOM to be represented at the Annual and Inter sessional Meetings at which subjects for discussion include matters within the competence of IOM.
3. Appropriate arrangements may be made by agreement from time to time for the reciprocal representation of IOM and AALCC at each other's meetings convened under their respective auspices which consider matters in which the other Organization 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 fullest and promptest exchange of information and documents concerning migration matters of common interest will be made between IOM and AALCC.
2. IOM will be kept informed by AALCC of developments in the work of the latter, which are of interest to IOM.
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Article IV

Areas of Co-operation

1. Whenever desirable for the development of their activities in fields of mutual concern, IOM and AALCC may each seek the other's co-operation where it is specially equipped to assist in the development of such activities.

2. In addition to co-operation contemplated in other provisions of this Agreement, the parties shall, upon request and within their available resources, assist each other in areas such as:

(a) Updating information on the laws and regulations relating to migration, particularly with regard to Asia and Africa;

(b) Conducting periodically seminars, workshops and training programmes on the latest trends concerning the legal evolution of issues relating to migration;

(c) Any other area of co-operation deemed to be of common interest to both Organizations.

3. Every effort will be made to meet requests for co-operation in a manner to be agreed in such cases as may arise.

Article V

Supplementary Arrangement

The Director General of IOM and the Secretary-General of AALCC will make appropriate arrangements to ensure close collaboration and liaison between the staff of the two Organizations in matters of common interest.

Article VI

Financial Implications

1. Any minor and ordinary expenditure relating to the implementation of this Agreement shall be borne by the respective Party to this Agreement.

2. In the event that the co-operation proposed by one of the Parties to the other in accordance with this Agreement entails expenditure beyond minor and ordinary expenditures, consultations shall be held between the Parties to determine the availability of resources required, the most equitable way of meeting such expenditure and, if resources are not readily available, the most appropriate ways to obtain the necessary resources.

Article VII

Implementation of the Agreement

The Director General of IOM and the Secretary-General of AALCC may make the arrangements necessary for ensuring satisfactory implementation of this Agreement.

Article VIII

Modification of the Agreement

The present Agreement may be modified by mutual consent expressed in writing.

Article IX

Termination of the Agreement

Either Party may terminate this Agreement subject to six month's written notice. If one of the Parties decides to terminate this Agreement the obligations previously entered into through projects being implemented under this Agreement shall not be affected thereby.

Article X

Entry into Force

This Agreement will enter into force upon signature by the Director General of IOM and the Secretary General of AALCC.

For International Organization for Migration

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