

**COOPERATION AGREEMENT
BETWEEN THE ORGANIZATION OF AFRICAN UNITY
AND
THE ASIAN-AFRICAN LEGAL CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE**

PREAMBLE

CONSIDERING the provisions of the Charter of the Organization of African Unity (hereinafter called OAU) which inter-alia invites its Member States to strengthen their unity and their solidarity, to intensify their cooperation and their efforts and to work towards the promotion of international cooperation with a view to offer the best living conditions to the peoples of Africa;

CONSIDERING that the Asian-African Legal Consultative Committee (hereinafter called 'AALCC') which has been established, inter-alia to promote international cooperation amongst its Member States and other International Agencies and Organizations, particularly in legal matters;

DESIRIOUS of coordinating their respective efforts, within the framework of the Charter of the OAU and the Statutes of the AALCC in order to achieve their common objectives;

AGREE AS FOLLOWS:

**ARTICLE I
COOPERATION AND CONSULTATION**

With a view to facilitating the implementation of their objectives, the OAU and the AALCC undertake to establish close cooperation between them and to consult each other regularly on all legal and other matters of common interest.

**ARTICLE 11
RECIPROCAL REPRESENTATION AT MEETINGS**

The OAU and the AALCC shall take appropriate steps to ensure their reciprocal representation at meetings held under their auspices during which issues of common interest shall be examined.

Each Party shall bear the expenses of its participation to the said meetings.

2. The OAU and the AALCC shall, in appropriate cases, agree to organize under their auspices and in accordance with the provisions to be agreed in each particular case, joint meetings to deal with questions of common interest.

**ARTICLE III
EXCHANGE OF DOCUMENTATION**

Subject to such arrangements as may be necessary for safeguarding confidential information, the Secretariats of the OAU and the AALCC shall exchange publications and documents relating to issues of common interest on regular basis.

**ARTICLE IV
MUTUAL ASSISTANCE**

1. The OAU and the AALCC shall provide each other such cooperation in respect of the work and activities as may be deemed necessary with a view to studying matters of common interest.

2. In addition, the two Organizations shall exchange relevant information to harmonize their activities.

3. When the development of activities of the OAU and/or AALCC, in matters of common interest, makes it necessary, either of the two Organizations shall seek technical cooperation from the other.
4. The two Organizations shall do the needful in order to give a favourable follow-up to such requests for technical assistance in accordance with the modalities to be agreed upon in each case.
5. Such mutual assistance may also take the form of exchange of Experts.

**ARTICLE V
ENTRY INTO FORCE**

This Cooperation Agreement shall come into force upon its signature by the duly authorized representatives of the OAU and AALCC.

**ARTICLE VI
MODIFICATION**

This Agreement can be modified by mutual consent of the two parties.

**ARTICLE VII
TERMINATION**

Either Party may terminate this Agreement by giving six month's written notice to the other Party.

In testimony whereof the Representatives of the OAU and the AALCC, duly authorized by their respective competent authorities, have signed this Agreement, in duplicate in English, French and Arabic, all versions being equally authentic.

Executed at 04 MAR 1992 of One Thousand Nine Hundred and Ninety Two.

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The Secretary-General of
Organization of African Unity

The Secretary-General of the
Asian-African Legal Consultative
Committee