

**CO-OPERATION AGREEMENT
BETWEEN
THE ASIAN-AFRICAN LEGAL CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE (AALCC)
AND
THE WORLD INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY ORGANIZATION (WIPO)**

ARTICLE I

Co-operation and Consultation

The Asian-African Legal Consultative Committee (hereinafter referred to as "AALCC") and the World Intellectual Property Organization (hereinafter referred to as "WIPO"), with a view to promoting the attainment of the objectives laid down by the Convention establishing WIPO and the Statutes and Statutory rules establishing AALCC, agree to act in close co-operation, on matters of mutual interest with a view to harmonizing their efforts towards greater effectiveness, as far as possible, having due regard to their respective objectives and functions.

ARTICLE II

Representation

1. AALCC shall be invited to participate, without the right to vote, in the deliberations of the Assembly and other bodies of WIPO on matters of particular concern to it.
2. WIPO shall be invited to participate, without the right to vote, in the deliberations of the Annual and Inter-sessional Meetings of the AALCC on matters of particular concern to it.

ARTICLE III

Exchange of Information and Documents

WIPO and AALCC shall undertake an exchange of relevant information and documents, subject to such restrictions and arrangements as may be considered necessary by either Party to preserve the confidential nature of certain information and documents.

ARTICLE IV

Fields of Co-operation

The fields to which co-operation shall relate, in the context set forth in Article I, shall include:

- (a) Updating information on the laws and regulations relating to intellectual property rights in the Asian and African region through mutual exchange of data and information;
- (b) Accessibility of information available with WIPO, including accessibility to the computerized database of WIPO's International Bureau containing laws and regulations;
- (c) To develop an intellectual property database within the AALCC Secretariat with the legal and technical assistance of WIPO;
- (d) Formulation of model intellectual property laws, guides and manuals to assist AALCC Member States;
- (e) Conducting periodically seminars, workshops and training programmes on the latest trends concerning the evolution of laws relating to intellectual property in the Asian and African region;

- (f) Cooperation between the WIPO Arbitration and Mediation Center and the Cairo, Kuala Lumpur, Tehran and Lagos Regional Centres for International Commercial Arbitration through the AALCC;
- (g) Any other area of co-operation decided upon by both WIPO and AALCC.

ARTICLE V

Financial Implications

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

Implementation of the Agreement

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

ARTICLE VII

Modification of the Agreement

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

ARTICLE VIII

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 IX

Entry into Force

This Agreement shall enter into force upon signature by the Director General of WIPO and the Secretary General of AALCC, subject to the approval of the WIPO Coordination Committee.

For the Asian-African Legal
Consultative Committee

For the World Intellectual
Property Organization



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Secretary-General
Wafik Zaher Kamil



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Director General
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