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DRAFT CO-OPERATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN OAU  
AND THE ARAB LEAGUE

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At its Sixty-second Session held in Cairo, in September 1974, the Council of the Arab League adopted, among other resolutions, a text establishing a co-operation agreement between the League of Arab States and the Organization of African Unity.

This draft Co-operation Agreement was relayed to the Administrative General Secretariat of OAU by Dr. Sayed NOFAL, Acting Secretary-General of the League of Arab States, on 19 September 1974, as is attested by the letter reproduced in Appendix I.

In accordance with OAU Regulations and Practice, the OAU General Secretariat must first submit the draft Agreement in extenso, as presented by the Secretariat of the Arab League, to the Council and the Member States.

This draft Agreement appears in Appendix II of the present report.

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Annex 1

The Arab League

General Secretariat  
(Dir. African Affairs)  
Ref. 4719

With reference to our letter of 4/9/74 under cover of which we transmitted to you the resolutions on Afro-Arab Co-operation adopted by the 62nd session of the Council of Ministers of the Arab League, I have the honour to communicate herewith, the text of the proposed agreement between the Arab League and the Organization of African Unity as approved by the Council of the League.

The Council empowered the Secretary-General of the Arab League to sign the agreement on behalf of the League, if the said agreement meets with the approval of our distinguished Organization.

While awaiting your decision on this matter, please accept the assurance of our highest consideration.

(sgd) Dr. Sayed Nofal  
Acting Secretary-General

The Secretary-General  
Organization of African Unity  
Cairo, 19 September 1974

DRAFT AGREEMENT ON CO-OPERATION BETWEEN  
THE ARAB LEAGUE AND THE ORGANIZATION OF AFRICAN UNITY

Considering that the objectives of the ARAB LEAGUE (hereinafter called "The League") are, inter alia to establish co-operation among Member States to co-ordinate their political plans for the liberation of the occupied territories, to safeguard their independence and sovereignty, to defend (in a general manner) their mutual interests (and everything that concerns them) and to strengthen their co-operation in economic and social (and other) fields.

Considering that the objectives of the Organization of African Unity (hereinafter called the "Organization") are, inter alia, to co-ordinate and intensify co-operation among the African States and peoples for the liberation of their lands, to defend their sovereignty, their territorial integrity and ensure better living conditions for the African peoples in (the) economic, social (cultural, sanitation and health) fields.

Considering that some states are members of both the League and the Organization;

Considering that they share the same destiny, interests and aspirations and that the struggle against colonialism, the safeguard of political independence, economic development and the well-being of the peoples of Member States are objectives of both Organizations;

Considering the objectives of the United Nations and the action taken by the two Organizations to attain these objectives in conformity with Article 52 of the United Nations Charter;

Guided by a common desire to establish close co-operation between the two Organizations for the achievement of their common objectives.

The two parties have agreed as follows:

#### ARTICLE 1

The League and the Organization shall co-operate in all matters to their objectives) with a view to co-ordinating their activities; achieving their common objectives, (rendering mutual assistance in respect of specific projects, in particular, as regards the co-ordination and mutual recognition of African and Arab Liberation Movements, the terms and conditions of their representation in the African and Arab capitals and their assistance.

#### ARTICLE 2

Consultation and Exchange: (The League and the Organization shall consult each other regularly on all matters of common interest in order to achieve in an effective manner, their objectives in all international fields).

#### ARTICLE 3

Exchange of Information and Documents: The League and the Organization (shall) exchange information and documents on (all) matters of common interest (while observing the confidential nature of certain matters; henceforth, each party shall inform the other of its programmes of action with a view to co-ordinating them).

#### ARTICLE 4

Mutual Representation: Whenever either party deems it necessary, it shall invite the other to send an observer to meetings of common interest (The League and the Organization shall endeavour

to make their states accept the principle of opening offices of representation of the League and the Organization in the capitals of Member States).

#### ARTICLE 5

Administrative Rules: The Secretary-General of the League and the Secretary-General of the Organization shall take appropriate measures to ensure effective and continuous co-ordination and contacts between the two parties.

#### ARTICLE 6

Amendment of the Agreement: This text may be amended upon mutual consent. Each of the parties may denounce this agreement by notifying the other party. This denunciation shall become effective six months after the date of notification except otherwise agreed.

#### ARTICLE 7

The Present agreement shall be signed by the representatives of the League and the Organization and come into force upon signature by the two parties.

#### ARTICLE 8

The present agreement shall be in Arabic, French and English, the three texts being equally authentic.

For the  
ARAB LEAGUE

For the  
ORGANIZATION OF AFRICAN UNITY

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