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Subject : Establishing cooperation relations with ISESCO.

Mr. Secretary General,

I have the pleasure to commend your distinct and constructive efforts in assuming your lofty tasks in the service of the interests of ASEAN Member States.

As you may know, the Islamic Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (ISESCO) is an inter-governmental organization specialized in the fields of education, science, culture and communication, and operating at the level of the Islamic world, with a membership totalling 41 Member States. It has concluded 48 cooperation agreements with UN institutions and agencies as well as with other international and regional organizations and institutions operating in fields of common interest.

ISESCO takes a keen interest in developmental issues which constitute one of the linchpins of the activities and programmes of its current Action Plan (1995-1997) and its Medium-term Strategy (1991-2000). On this basis, ISESCO has started promoting social development programmes and projects in some of its Member States.

As I am looking forward to establishing distinct cooperation relations between ASEAN and ISESCO, similar to those existing between ISESCO and UN agencies and institutions, I have the pleasure to enclose herewith a draft cooperation agreement

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between our two institutions, proposed as a legal framework for our joint action to achieve our common goals, in the context set forth in Annex to the draft agreement.

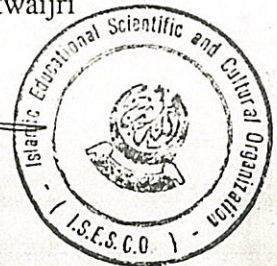
Once the proposed agreement is finalized, I will have the pleasure to sign it during an official ceremony, to be held either in Jakarta or in Rabat, after consultations between our relevant departments.

Looking forward to receiving your reply soon, please accept, Mr. Secretary General, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Dr. Abdulaziz Othman Altwaijri



Director General



Encl. : Draft Cooperation Agreement ;
Some publications of ISESCO.



DRAFT COOPERATION AGREEMENT

between

THE ASSOCIATION OF SOUTH-EAST ASIAN NATIONS
(ASEAN)

and

THE ISLAMIC EDUCATIONAL, SCIENTIFIC AND
CULTURAL ORGANIZATION
(ISESCO)



DRAFT COOPERATION AGREEMENT

The Association of South-East Asian Nations
(hereinafter referred to as "ASEAN")

and

The Islamic Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization
(hereinafter referred to as "ISESCO")

Considering that ASEAN was established in August 1967 by virtue of the ASEAN Declaration (Bangkok Declaration), «Treaty of Amity and Cooperation in Southeast Asia», and «Declaration of ASEAN Concord» (February 1976), to accelerate the economic growth, social progress and cultural development of the Southeast Asian nations;

Bearing in mind the mission of ASEAN, particularly promoting collaboration and mutual assistance in matters of common interest in the economic, social, cultural, technical and administrative fields;

Recalling that one of the objectives of the Organization of the Islamic Conference, ISESCO's mother institution, is ".....to carry out consultations among Member States [of OIC] in international organizations";

Recalling further that Article IX of the Charter of the Organization of the Islamic Conference enjoins the General Secretariat of the OIC "to consolidate relations between the Islamic Conference and the Islamic organizations of international character and to bolster co-operation in the service of the Islamic objectives";

Considering that ISESCO was founded in May 1982 as a subsidiary institution of the Organization of the Islamic Conference (OIC) specialized in the fields of education, science, culture and communication;

Considering that the objectives of ISESCO are :

- a) To strengthen and promote cooperation among Member States and consolidate it in the fields of education, science, culture and communication;
- b) To develop applied sciences and use advanced technology within the framework of the lofty and perennial Islamic values and ideals;
- c) To consolidate understanding among the Muslim peoples and contribute to the achievement of world peace and security through various means, particularly through education, science, culture and communication;

- d) To consolidate complementarity and seek to achieve coordination among the specialized institutions of the Organization of the Islamic Conference in the fields of education, science, culture and communication and among the Member States of the Islamic Organization (ISESCO).

Bearing in mind their respective fields of competence and the responsibilities conferred upon them in those fields;

With a view to developing harmonious and lasting collaboration between them;

Have agreed as follows :

ARTICLE 1

ASEAN and ISESCO undertake to grant each other, as far as possible, all facilities conducive to the accomplishment of their tasks, and to act in close cooperation and coordination on matters of common interest within the scope of their respective objectives and functions.

ARTICLE 2

1. ASEAN shall invite ISESCO to send representatives to attend the proceedings of its meetings and to take part, without the right to vote, in the discussions related to those agenda items which may be of interest to it.
2. For its part, ISESCO shall extend a similar invitation to ASEAN and grant the same facilities to attend the proceedings of its General Conference's plenary session and shall enable it to participate, without right to vote, in the discussions related to the agenda items which may be of interest to it.

ARTICLE 3

ASEAN and ISESCO shall also grant each other broad facilities for access to all data, documents, studies and statistics produced by one and likely to interest the other, and for the acquisition and exploitation thereof where appropriate. Procedures shall be jointly agreed upon to safeguard the confidential or restricted nature of information so exchanged.

ARTICLE 4

1. In order to maintain constant relations between ASEAN and ISESCO, the two parties agree to convene an ASEAN-ISESCO Joint Committee on a periodic basis, dedicated to undertaking any evaluation and making any such recommendations as may promote and enhance the cooperation between the two parties.

2. The fields to which cooperation shall relate, in the context set forth in Article 1, shall include but not be limited to those listed in the Annex to this Agreement.

ARTICLE 5

The two parties may agree upon such complementary arrangements as they may find desirable in the light of experience in order to improve or develop a particular aspect of their cooperation. They may also introduce any such modification or amendment as they deem necessary to the provisions of this Agreement.

ARTICLE 6

This Agreement is concluded for an unspecified period of time. Nevertheless, either of the two parties may terminate it subject to a six-month prior notice. In that event, ASEAN and ISESCO shall agree on the action to be taken concerning cooperation work in progress.

ARTICLE 7

This Agreement shall take effect as of the date of its signature.

In witness thereof, this Agreement has been signed in.....on.....
in 2 original copies, both of them being equally authentic.

For ASEAN
The Secretary General

For ISESCO
The Director General

Mr. Dato Ajit Singh

Dr. Abdulaziz Othman Altwaijri

ANNEX

Fields of cooperation pursuant to Article 4 of the Agreement:

- Technical and vocational education
- Integration of women in developmental activities
- Training of manpower
- Strengthening of applied research
- Protection of environment : abatement of industrial pollution ; waste recycling ; capacity building for sustainable development
- Energy : renewable and non-polluting energy sources ; efficiency of energy use
- Exchange of information and data bases
- Holding seminars on promoting educational opportunities for girls
- Holding training sessions for trainees in the field of education for the handicapped children
- Provision of technical and material assistance to Member States' educational institutions for the handicapped children
- Support of pilot experiences in the fields of health education, environmental education, and population education
- Holding training sessions for trainees in the fields of health education, environmental education, and population education
- Designing joint programmes to provide basic education to children in rural and disadvantaged areas
- Designing and implementing joint programmes in psychosocial rehabilitation and peace education
- Preparation of educational materials
- Development of pre-school and conventional education
- Generalization and development of basic education



*List of agreements signed by
the Islamic Educational, Scientific
and Cultural Organization
(1984-1996)*

- 1- Headquarters agreement between ISESCO and the Government of the Kingdom of Morocco (1988)
- 2- Memorandum of Understanding between ISESCO and the General Secretariat of the Organisation of the Islamic Conference, OIC (1994).

United Nations Institutions and Specialized Agencies :

- 3- Cooperation Agreement with the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, UNESCO (1984).
- 4- Cooperation Agreement with the World Health Organization, WHO (1989).
- 5- Cooperation Agreement with the World Intellectual Property Organization, WIPO (1989).
- 6- Cooperation Agreement with the United Nations High Commissioner for the Refugees, UNHCR (1989).
- 7- Cooperation Agreement with the International Fund for Agricultural Development, IFAD (1995).
- 8- Cooperation Agreement with the United Nations Industrial Development Organization, UNIDO (1996).

International, Regional and Sub-Regional Organizations :

- 9- Cooperation Agreement with the Arab League Educational, Cultural and Scientific Organization, ALECSO (1984).
- 10- Cooperation Agreement with the International Centre for the Bantu Civilizations, CICIBA (1985).
- 11- Cooperation Agreement with the Arab Bureau of Education for the Gulf States, ABEGS (1987).
- 12- Cooperation Agreement with the Islamic Development Bank, IDB (1987).
- 13- Cooperation Agreement with the Morocco Centre of Coordination with Arab National Commissions for Education, Culture and Science, (1988).
- 14- Cooperation Agreement with the OIC Standing Committee for Scientific and Technological Cooperation, COMSTECH (1989).


- 15- Cooperation Agreement with the Cultural and Technical Cooperation Agency, ACCT (1990).
- 16- Cooperation Agreement with the Islamic Foundation for Science, Technology and Development, IFSTAD (1991).
- 17- Cooperation Agreement with the South-East Asian Ministers of Education Organization, SEAMEO (1992).
- 18- Cooperation Agreement with the Arab Bank for Economic Development in Africa, ABEDA (1994)

Agreements and Protocols signed with Local Organizations (non-governmental) :

- 19- Cooperation Protocol with the National Council for Arabic Culture (1986).
- 20- Cooperation Agreement with the Islamic World League (1987).
- 21- Cooperation Agreement with the World Islamic Call Society (1984).
- 22- Cooperation Agreement with the Third World Academy of Sciences, TWAS (1989).
- 23- Cooperation Agreement with the Islamic Academy of Sciences, IAS (1989).
- 24- Cooperation Agreement with the League of Islamic Universities (1992).
- 25- Cooperation Protocol with the International Institute of Islamic Thought (1993).
- 26- Cooperation Protocol with Jumu'ah A-Majid Centre for Culture and the Heritage (1993).
- 27- Cooperation Protocol with the Islamic Call Organization, Khartoum (1994).
- 28- Cooperation Protocol with the Islamic National Council, Côte d'Ivoire (1996).
- 29- Cooperation Protocol with the Royal Academy for Islamic Civilization Research (Al Al-Bait Foundation), Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, (1996).

Protocols and Memoranda of Understanding with Academic Institutions :

- 30- Contract with the Institute of Oriental Languages and Civilizations, Paris, GRLM/INALCO (1989).
- 31- Cooperation Protocol with the International University of Africa, Khartoum, (1993).
- 32- Memorandum of Understanding with Cordoba University, Spain (1993).
- 33- Cooperation Agreement with the International Bank of Information on Francophone States (1993).
- 34- Memorandum of Understanding with the Oxford Centre for Islamic Studies (1994).

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- 35- Cooperation Protocol with the Centre for Near and Middle Eastern Studies, attached to the School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London (1994).
 - 36- Cooperation Protocol with the International Islamic Relief Organization, Jeddah (1994).
 - 37- Cooperation Protocol with the World Islamic Charitable Organization, Kuwait (1994).
 - 38- Cooperation Agreement with Mohammed V University, Faculty of Education Science in the Kingdom of Morocco (1995).
 - 39- Cooperation Agreement with Al-Azhar University, Islamic International Centre for Population Studies and Research, Arab Republic of Egypt (1996).
 - 40- Cooperation Protocol with the Islamic Civilization Centre, Moscow, Federation of Russia (1996).
 - 41- Cooperation Protocol with Sarajevo College of Islamic Studies, Republic of Bosnia-Herzegovina (1996).

Agreements and Cooperation Protocols with National Institutions :

- 42- Cooperation Protocol with the Egyptian Fund for Technical Cooperation in Africa (1985).
- 43- Cooperation Agreement for the implementation of the Programme of His Highness Emir of the State of Qatar, concerning the dissemination of the Arabic language and Islamic Culture, concluded between ISESCO and the Qatar National Commission (1986).
- 44- Cooperation Protocol with the International Cooperation Agency of the Kingdom of Morocco (1988).
- 45- Cooperation Agreement with the Ministry of Sport, Arts and Culture in the Republic of Mali (Ahmad Baba Tumbukti Centre) 1988.
- 46- Cooperation Agreement with the Higher Institute of Journalism, in the Kingdom of Morocco (1995).
- 47- Cooperation Agreement with the Ministry of Higher Education, Scientific Research and Staff Training in the Kingdom of Morocco (1995).