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**UNITED NATIONS  
and  
RUSSIAN FEDERATION**

**Agreement relating to the establishment in the Russian Federation of a United Nations Integrated Office. Signed at Vienna on 15 June 1993**

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**ORGANISATION DES NATIONS UNIES  
et  
FÉDÉRATION DE RUSSIE**

**Accord relatif à l'établissement d'un bureau intégré des Nations Unies en Fédération de Russie. Signé à Vienne le 15 juin 1993**

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*Enregistré d'office le 15 juin 1993.*

## AGREEMENT<sup>1</sup> BETWEEN THE UNITED NATIONS AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION RELATING TO THE ESTABLISHMENT IN THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION OF A UNITED NATIONS INTEGRATED OFFICE

The United Nations and the Government of the Russian Federation;

Whereas the Government of the Russian Federation expresses its interest that the United Nations establishes an Office in the Russian Federation with a view to supporting and supplementing the national efforts in solving the most important problems of economic development and promoting social progress and better standard of life;

Whereas the Government of the Russian Federation agrees to ensure the availability of all the necessary facilities to enable the United Nations Office to perform fully and effectively its functions, including its scheduled programmes of work and any related activities, and to fulfill its purposes in co-operation and harmony with the Government and people of the Russian Federation;

Whereas the Government of the Russian Federation agrees to apply to the United Nations Office, the United Nations Agencies, Programmes and Funds forming part of the Office and to the officials of the United Nations, including those of the said Agencies, Programmes and Funds, the relevant provisions of the Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the United Nations;

Whereas the United Nations and the Government of the Russian Federation wish to conclude an Agreement with a view to regulating questions arising from the establishment in the Russian Federation of the United Nations Office, as an Integrated Office of the United Nations and its Agencies, Programmes and Funds;

Whereas the United Nations and the Government of the Russian Federation act in a spirit of friendly co-operation,

Have agreed as follows:

### *Article I*

#### DEFINITIONS

For the purpose of the present Agreement, the following definitions shall apply:

(a) “United Nations Office” or “Office” means the United Nations Integrated Office, an organizational unit through which the United Nations provides assistance and co-operation in programmes in the Russian Federation. This term includes any field sub-offices established in the Russian Federation by the United Nations including its Agencies, Programmes and Funds;

(b) “The Government” means the Government of the Russian Federation;

(c) “The United Nations” means the United Nations, an international intergovernmental Organization established under the Charter of the United Nations and includes the Agencies, Programmes and Funds of the United Nations, *inter alia*, UNDP, UNICEF, UNHCR, UNEP, UNFPA, WFP, UNDCP;

<sup>1</sup> Came into force provisionally on 15 June 1993 by signature, in accordance with article XXI.

(d) “The appropriate authorities” means central, local and other competent authorities under the law of the Russian Federation;

(e) “Convention” means the Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the United Nations adopted by the General Assembly of the United Nations on 13 February 1946;<sup>1</sup>

(f) “Parties” means the United Nations and the Government of the Russian Federation;

(g) “Head of the Office” means the official in charge of the United Nations Office;

(h) “Officials of the United Nations” means the Head of the Office, the Representatives of the Agencies, Programmes and Funds of the United Nations, members of their staff and all officials of the Organization, irrespective of nationality, employed under the Staff Rules and Regulations of the United Nations, with the exception of persons who are recruited in the Russian Federation and assigned to hourly rates as provided for in United Nations General Assembly Resolution 76(1) of 7 December 1946;<sup>2</sup>

(i) “Experts on mission” means individuals, other than officials of the United Nations or persons performing services on behalf of the United Nations, undertaking missions, coming within the scope of Articles VI and VII of the Convention;

(j) “Persons performing services on behalf of the United Nations” means individual contractors, other than officials of the United Nations, to execute or assist in the carrying out of its programmes or other related activities;

(k) “UNDP” means the United Nations Development Programme established pursuant to United Nations General Assembly resolutions 2029 (XX) of 22 November 1965<sup>3</sup> and 2688 (XXV) of 11 December 1970;<sup>4</sup>

(l) “UNICEF” means the United Nations Children’s Fund established pursuant to United Nations General Assembly resolution 57 (1) of 11 December 1946;<sup>5</sup>

(m) “UNHCR” means the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees established pursuant to United Nations General Assembly resolutions 319 A (IV) of 3 December 1949<sup>6</sup> and 428 (V) of 14 December 1950;<sup>7</sup>

(n) “UNEP” means the United Nations Environment Programme established pursuant to United Nations General Assembly resolution 2997 (XXVII) of 15 December 1972;<sup>8</sup>

(o) “UNFPA” means the United Nations Population Fund established pursuant to United Nations General Assembly resolutions 2211 (XXI) of 17 December 1966,<sup>9</sup> 2815 (XXVI) of 14 December 1971,<sup>10</sup> 3019 (XXVII) of 18 December 1972<sup>11</sup> and 34/104 of 14 December 1979;<sup>12</sup>

<sup>1</sup> United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 1, p. 15, and vol. 90, p. 327 (corrigendum to vol. 1, p. 18).

<sup>2</sup> United Nations, *Official Records of the General Assembly, First Session, Second part (A/64/Add.1)*, p. 139.

<sup>3</sup> *Ibid.*, *Twentieth Session, Supplement No. 14 (A/6014)*, p. 20.

<sup>4</sup> *Ibid.*, *Twenty-fifth Session, Supplement No. 28 (A/8028)*, p. 58.

<sup>5</sup> *Ibid.*, *First Session, Second Part (A/64/Add.1)*, p. 90.

<sup>6</sup> *Ibid.*, *Fourth Session (A/1251)*, p. 36.

<sup>7</sup> *Ibid.*, *Fifth Session, Supplement No. 20 (A/1775)*, p. 46.

<sup>8</sup> *Ibid.*, *Twenty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 30 (A/8730)*, p. 43.

<sup>9</sup> *Ibid.*, *Twenty-first session, Supplement No. 16 (A/6316)*, p. 41.

<sup>10</sup> *Ibid.*, *Twenty-sixth session, Supplement No. 29 (A/8429)*, p. 61.

<sup>11</sup> *Ibid.*, *Twenty-seventh session, Supplement No. 30 (A/8730)*, p. 51.

<sup>12</sup> *Ibid.*, *Thirty-fourth session, Supplement No. 46 (A/34/46)*, p. 99.

(p) “WFP” means the World Food Programme established pursuant to United Nations General Assembly resolution 1714 (XVI) of 19 December 1961<sup>1</sup> and FAO Conference resolution 1/61 of 24 November 1961;<sup>2</sup>

(q) “UNDCP” means the United Nations Drug Control Programme established pursuant to United Nations General Assembly resolution 45/179 of 21 December 1990;<sup>3</sup>

(r) “Office premises” means all the premises occupied by the Office or field sub-offices, including installations and facilities made available to or occupied, maintained or used by the United Nations in the Russian Federation and notified as such to the Government;

(s) “Organization” means the United Nations.

## Article II

### PURPOSE AND SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES

The Office shall:

(a) Co-operate with the Government in programmes aimed at promoting economic development and social progress, and providing humanitarian assistance through *inter alia* carrying out economic and social studies and research, technical co-operation, the training of personnel and dissemination of information;

(b) Facilitate the work, in the Russian Federation, of UNDP, UNICEF, UNHCR, UNEP, UNFPA, WFP, UNDCP and other Agencies, Programmes and Funds of the Organization, in accordance with the relevant resolutions, decisions, regulations, rules and policies of the United Nations including its Agencies, Programmes and Funds;

(c) Carry out such other activities, in consultation with the Government, as may be entrusted to the Office by the Secretary-General of the United Nations.

## Article III

### JURIDICAL PERSONALITY AND LEGAL CAPACITY

The United Nations, its Agencies, Programmes and Funds and the Office, shall have the capacity:

(a) To contract;

(b) To acquire and dispose of movable and immovable property;

(c) To institute legal proceedings.

<sup>1</sup> *United Nations, Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixteenth Session, Supplement No. 17 (A/5100)*, p. 20.

<sup>2</sup> Food and Agricultural Organization of the United Nations, *Report of the eleventh session, 9.62/E/2500* (Rome, 1962), p. 12.

<sup>3</sup> *United Nations, Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-fifth session, Supplement No. 49 (A/45/49)*, p. 292.

#### *Article IV*

##### APPLICATION OF THE CONVENTION

The Convention shall be applicable to the Office, the United Nations, its property, funds and assets, to their officials and experts on mission in the Russian Federation.

#### *Article V*

##### STATUS OF THE OFFICE

1. The United Nations shall establish and maintain an Office in the Russian Federation for the purpose of discharging its activities in accordance with the present Agreement, or any other supplemental agreements as may be concluded between the Government and the United Nations Agencies, Programmes and Funds under their mandates, for the formulation and execution of the United Nations operational activities for economic and social development, and humanitarian assistance in the Russian Federation.

2. The United Nations, its property, funds and assets, wherever located and by whomsoever held, shall enjoy immunity from every form of legal process except insofar as in any particular case it has expressly waived its immunity. It is understood, however, that no waiver of immunity shall extend to any measure of execution.

3. (a) The premises of the Office shall be inviolable. The property and assets of the Office, wherever located and by whomsoever held, shall be immune from search, requisition, confiscation, expropriation and any other form of interference, whether by executive, administrative, judicial or legislative action.

(b) The appropriate authorities shall not enter the Office premises to perform any official duties, except with the express consent of the Head of the Office and under conditions agreed to by him or her.

4. The appropriate authorities shall exercise due diligence to ensure the security and protection of the Office, and to ensure that the tranquillity of the Office is not disturbed by the unauthorized entry of persons or groups of persons from outside or by disturbances in its immediate vicinity.

5. The archives of the Office, the United Nations, and in general all documents belonging to them, wherever located and by whomsoever held, shall be inviolable.

#### *Article VI*

##### FUNDS, ASSETS AND OTHER PROPERTY

1. Without being restricted by financial controls, regulations or moratoria of any kind, the Office, and the United Nations:

(a) May hold and use funds, gold or negotiable instruments of any kind and maintain and operate accounts in any currency and convert any currency held by it into any other currency;