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and
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**AGREEMENT BETWEEN
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA
AND THE UNITED NATIONS
REGARDING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE UNITED
NATIONS OFFICE FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT**

WHEREAS the Government of the Republic of Korea (hereinafter referred to as the "Government") and the United Nations (hereinafter jointly referred to as the "Parties") have agreed to cooperate in the implementation of a program of activities in support of sustainable development;

WHEREAS Agenda 21, the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21, the Johannesburg Plan of Implementation adopted at the World Summit on Sustainable Development in 2002, and the Mauritius Strategy for the Further Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States call upon countries to implement sustainable development, including through national sustainable development strategies;

WHEREAS the Parties have agreed to cooperate in the implementation of a programme of activities entitled United Nations Office for Sustainable Development (hereinafter referred to as the "Office") and to establish the Office in the Republic of Korea;

WHEREAS it has been agreed between the Parties that the United Nations shall be responsible for the management of the funds provided to the United Nations by the Government to meet the costs of the Office and the Government shall grant the United Nations the necessary privileges, immunities and facilities to enable the Office to perform its functions;

Have agreed as follows:

Article 1

Establishment and Location

The United Nations Office for Sustainable Development shall be established as part of the United Nations in the Republic of Korea.

Article 2

Objective and Functions

1. The objective of the Office is to contribute to the efforts of the United Nations in the coordination and implementation of internationally agreed sustainable development goals by carrying out the programme of activities described in this Agreement.
2. The Office shall carry out the following functions:
 - (a) serve as a resource centre and knowledge portal on sustainable development;
 - (b) review and assess the progress and gaps in the implementation of internationally agreed sustainable development goals;
 - (c) provide training programmes;
 - (d) disseminate information, build and participate in professional networks, and undertake outreach activities; and
 - (e) undertake other mutually agreed activities in support of sustainable development.

Article 3

Legal Capacity

The United Nations, acting through the Office, shall have the capacity:

- (a) to contract;
- (b) to acquire and dispose of movable and immovable property; and
- (c) to institute legal proceedings.

Article 4

Personnel

1. The Office shall be headed by an internationally-recruited official (hereinafter referred to as the "Head of Office") and shall be comprised of other United Nations staff. Both the Head of Office and all other United Nations staff are United Nations officials, irrespective of nationality. All United Nations officials shall be recruited and appointed under the Staff Rules and Regulations of the United Nations, with the exception of persons who are recruited locally and assigned to hourly rates, as provided for in General Assembly Resolution 76(1) of 7 December 1946.

2. The United Nations shall notify the Government, from time to time, in writing, of the list of the officials and their families and any changes thereto.
3. As appropriate, the United Nations may engage the services of non-staff personnel in accordance with United Nations regulations, rules, policies and procedures.
4. The Head of Office shall be responsible to the United Nations for the coordination and implementation of the programme of activities of the Office.

Article 5

Financing

The Government shall, subject to its relevant and appropriate laws and regulations and following the annual budget appropriation in the Republic of Korea, contribute substantially to financing the United Nations' activities conducted through the Office. The appropriate authorities of the Government and the United Nations will specify the procedures for the provision, receipt and administration of the aforementioned contribution in supplementary arrangements.

Article 6

Applicability of the Convention to the Office

The Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the United Nations of 1946 (hereinafter referred to as the "Convention"), to which the Government has been party since 9 April 1992, without prejudice to the reservation made by the Government upon its accession thereto, shall be applicable to the United Nations, including the Office, its property and assets and its officials and experts on mission in the Republic of Korea.

Article 7

Premises and Security