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**United Nations (United Nations Development Programme)  
and  
Venezuela**

**Basic Co-operation Agreement between the Government of the Republic of Venezuela and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and its privileges and immunities. Caracas, 19 January 1995**

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**Organisation des Nations Unies (Programme des Nations Unies  
pour le développement)  
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**Accord de coopération de base et de privilèges et immunités entre le Gouvernement de la République du Venezuela et le Programme des Nations Unies pour le développement (PNUD). Caracas, 19 janvier 1995**

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[ ENGLISH TEXT – TEXTE ANGLAIS ]

**BASIC CO-OPERATION AGREEMENT  
BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF VENEZUELA AND  
THE UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME (UNDP)  
AND ITS PRIVILEGES AND IMMUNITIES**

**WHEREAS** the General Assembly of the United Nations has established the United Nations Development Programme (hereinafter called the UNDP) to support and supplement the national efforts of developing countries at solving the most important problems of their economic development and to promote social progress and better standards of life; and

**WHEREAS** the Government of the Republic of Venezuela (hereinafter called the Government) wishes to request assistance from the UNDP for the benefit of its people;

**NOW THEREFORE** the Government and the UNDP (hereinafter called the Parties) have entered into this Agreement as follows:

**ARTICLE I  
SCOPE OF THIS AGREEMENT**

1. This Agreement embodies the basic conditions under which the UNDP and its Executive Agencies shall assist the Government in carrying out its development projects, and under which such UNDP-assisted projects shall be executed. It shall apply to all such UNDP assistance and to such project documents or other instruments (hereinafter called Project Documents) as the Parties may conclude to define the particulars of such assistance and the respective responsibilities of the Parties and the Executing Agency hereunder in more detail in regard to such projects.

2. Assistance shall be provided by the UNDP under this Agreement only in response to requests submitted by the Government and approved by the UNDP. Such assistance shall be made available to the Government, or to such entity as the Government may designate, and shall be furnished and received in accordance with the relevant and applicable resolutions and decisions of the competent UNDP organs, and subject to the availability of the necessary funds to the UNDP.

## **ARTICLE II**

### **FORMS OF ASSISTANCE**

1. Assistance which may be made available by the UNDP to the Government under this Agreement may consist of:

- (a) The services of advisory experts and consultants, including consultant firms or organizations, selected by and responsible to, the UNDP or the Executing Agency concerned;
- (b) The services of members of the United Nations Volunteers (hereinafter called volunteers);
- (c) Equipment and supplies not readily available in Venezuela (hereinafter called the country);
- (d) Seminars, training programmes, demonstration projects, expert working groups and related activities;
- (e) Scholarships and fellowships, or similar arrangements under which candidates nominated by the Government and approved by the Executing Agency concerned may study or receive training; and

- (f) Any other form of assistance which may be agreed upon by the Government and the UNDP.

2. Requests for assistance shall be presented by the Government to the UNDP through the UNDP resident representative in the country (referred to in paragraph 4(a) of this Article), and in the form and in accordance with procedures established by the UNDP for such request. The Government shall provide the UNDP with all appropriate facilities and relevant information to appraise the requests, including an expression of its intent with respect to the follow-up of investment-oriented projects.

3. Assistance may be provided by the UNDP to the Government either directly, with such external assistance as it may deem appropriate, or through an Executing Agency, which shall have primary responsibility for carrying out UNDP assistance to the project and which shall have the status of an independent contractor for this purpose. Where assistance is provided by the UNDP directly to the Government, all references in this Agreement to an Executing Agency shall be construed to refer to the UNDP, unless clearly inappropriate from the context.

4. (a) The UNDP may maintain a permanent mission, headed by a resident representative, in the country to represent the UNDP therein and be the principal channel of communication with the Government on all Programme matters.

The resident representative shall have full responsibility and ultimate authority on behalf of the UNDP Administrator, for the UNDP programme in all its aspects in the country, and shall be team leader in regard to such representatives of other United Nations organizations as may be posted in the country, taking into account their professional competence and their relations with appropriate organs of the Government.

The resident representative shall also perform the following functions:

- Maintain liaison on behalf of the Programme with the appropriate organs of the Government;
- Inform the Government of the policies, criteria and procedures of the UNDP and other relevant programmes of the United Nations;
- Assist the Government, as may be required, in the preparation of UNDP country programme and project requests, as well as proposals for country programme or project changes;
- Co-ordinate the assistance rendered by UNDP through the various Executing Agencies or its own consultants;
- Assist the Government, as may be required, in co-ordinating UNDP activities with national, bilateral and multilateral programmes within the country;
- Carry out such other functions as may be entrusted to him by the Administrator or by an Executing Agency.

(b) The UNDP mission in the country shall have such other staff as the UNDP may deem appropriate to its proper functioning. The UNDP shall notify the Government from time to time of the names of the members, and of the families of the members, of the mission, and of changes in the status of such persons.