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and  
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**Organisation des Nations Unies (Université des Nations Unies)  
et  
Finlande**

**Accord entre l'Université des Nations Unies et le Gouvernement de la Finlande relatif à l'Institut mondial pour la recherche sur l'économie du développement (avec mémorandum d'entente). Tokyo, 4 février 1984**

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[ ENGLISH TEXT – TEXTE ANGLAIS ]

AGREEMENT  
BETWEEN THE UNITED NATIONS UNIVERSITY AND  
THE GOVERNMENT OF FINLAND  
REGARDING  
THE WORLD INSTITUTE FOR DEVELOPMENT ECONOMICS RESEARCH

THE UNITED NATIONS UNIVERSITY and THE GOVERNMENT OF FINLAND,

RECALLING that Finland is a party to the Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the United Nations;

CONSIDERING that the said Convention is ipso facto applicable to the United Nations University which is an autonomous organ of the United Nations;

BEARING in mind that the University will have its location at the site of each research and training centre or programme established by the University;

NOTING that the Council of the United Nations University decided at its twenty-second session held in Tokyo from 5 to 9 December 1983, to establish the World Institute for Development Economics Research (WIDER) as a research and training centre of the University and to accept the offer of the Government of Finland to host the said Institute in Finland;

CONSIDERING that the World Institute for Development Economics Research (WIDER) will accordingly be covered by the provisions of the said Convention;

DESIRING to ensure by means of a supplemental agreement to the said Convention that the Institute's legal status in Finland, as well as the content of certain privileges and immunities and the measures for their implementation should be regulated;

HAVE agreed as follows:

ARTICLE I

DEFINITIONS

In this Agreement:

- a) "the 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;
- b) "the University" means the United Nations University;
- c) "Government" means the Government of Finland;
- d) "the Institute" means the World Institute for Development Economics Research, also to be known as WIDER, a research and training centre of the University;
- e) "the Rector" means the Rector of the University and, during his absence, any official designated to act on his behalf;
- f) "the Director" means the Director of the Institute or any official designated to act on his behalf, to be notified to the Government by the Director;
- g) "appropriate authorities" means the national, regional or local authorities of Finland, as the context may require, in accordance with the law of Finland;
- h) "premises of the Institute" means land, buildings and parts of buildings normally occupied by the Institute for the fulfilment of its official functions;
- i) "the Board" means the Board of Trustees of the Institute as established under the Statute of the Institute;

- j) "personnel of the Institute" means the Director and professional and administrative personnel of the Institute as specified by the Rector;
- k) "experts" means persons appointed by or for the purpose of the Institute other than personnel coming within the scope sub-paragraph j).

## ARTICLE II

### LEGAL STATUS

The Institute shall have the legal status necessary for the realization of its purposes and activities. It shall, in particular, have the capacity to enter into agreements, contracts and arrangements, to acquire and dispose of immovable and movable property, and institute legal proceedings.

## ARTICLE III

### PURPOSES AND ACTIVITIES

1. The purposes of the Institute shall be:
  - a) to help identify and meet the need for policy-oriented socio-economic research on pressing global and development problems, common domestic problems and their inter-relationships;
  - b) to analyse the problems of the world economy, including structural issues and assist in producing new responses to existing and future problems;
  - c) to encourage research, advanced training and the

dissemination of knowledge and help promote the search for new modes of international economic co-operation and management.

2. Pursuant to the foregoing, the Institute shall:

- a) conduct research and studies;
- b) undertake training of young scholars with a multidisciplinary approach in order to strengthen academic and scientific communities everywhere, particularly in the developing countries;
- c) contribute to the ongoing overall research and training activities of the University;
- d) develop a network by co-ordinating its activities with those of relevant research and training institutions in different parts of the world, particularly in the developing countries;
- e) contribute to the formulation of policy, planning and decision-making concerning the future of the international economic system;
- f) help in efforts to mobilize a global constituency that transcends existing national boundaries or sectional intergovernmental interests;
- g) organize conferences, seminars, workshops and panels;
- h) publish and disseminate research results in order to increase the dynamic interaction in the world-wide community of learning and research;
- i) award fellowships;
- j) do and perform all other acts that may be considered