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**HOST COUNTRY AGREEMENT BETWEEN
THE UNITED NATIONS OFFICE FOR PROJECT SERVICES AND THE
GOVERNMENT OF THE FEDERAL DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF ETHIOPIA**

The United Nations Office for Project Services (hereinafter referred to as "UNOPS") and The Government of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia (hereinafter referred to as the "Government", jointly referred to as the "Parties" and separately as "Party");

WHEREAS, UNOPS was established by the United Nations General Assembly decision 48/501 of 19 September 1994 to provide, inter alia, sustainable project, procurement and infrastructure management services for the benefit of the member countries of the United Nations;

WHEREAS, the Government wishes to hereby establish a host country agreement with UNOPS to benefit from its support;

DESIRING to regulate through this Agreement the legal framework within which UNOPS office will carry out its activities in Ethiopia;

NOW THEREFORE the Parties have agreed as follows:

Article 1: Definitions

For the purposes of this Agreement:

- a) "Host Country" means the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia;
- b) "Office" means the office of UNOPS in Ethiopia;
- c) "Officials" means all members of the Office with the exception of those who are recruited locally and assigned to hourly base. UNOPS shall communicate the names of Officials to the Government from time to time.
- d) The "General Convention" means the Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the United Nations adopted by the General Assembly on 13 February 1946.

Article 2: Establishment of the Office and Legal Capacity

1. The Government agrees to the establishment of the Office in Addis Ababa.
2. This Agreement shall regulate the legal framework for the institutional co-operation between the Government and UNOPS with a view to setting up the Office in Ethiopia.

3. The Office shall have the legal capacity to institute legal proceedings, to enter into contracts, to operate in accordance with its overall objectives and activities and to acquire property and dispose of property. Such property shall be acquired and disposed of in accordance with the relevant laws of the Host Country.
4. The premise of the Office means the building or part of building occupied by the Office.
5. The Office shall work to provide sustainable project, procurement and infrastructure management services in accordance with its mandate, and for the benefit of the Host Country.
6. As per UNOPS' organizational structure, the Office may also provide oversight services for UNOPS' operations in the region and will represent UNOPS in the African Union.

Article 3:

Objectives

The objectives of this Agreement shall be to:

- a. Regulate the practical modalities of the operations of the Office; and
- b. Facilitating, monitoring, and supporting the Office.

Article 4:

Inviolability of the Office

1. The premises of UNOPS 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, except, insofar as in any particular case immunity has been waived in accordance with the General Convention. No waiver of immunity from legal process shall extend to any measure of execution.
2. No officer or official of Ethiopia or person exercising any public authority within Ethiopia, shall enter the premises of the Office to perform any duties therein except with the consent of, and under the conditions approved by the Head of the Office. In case of a fire or other emergency requiring prompt protection action, the consent of the Head of the Office to any necessary entry into the premises shall be presumed if he or she cannot be reached in time.
3. The premises and facilities of the Office can be used for meetings, seminars, exhibitions and other related purposes which are organized by UNOPS. The premises of the Office shall not be used in any manner incompatible with the purpose and scope of the Office, as set forth in this Agreement.
4. The archives of the Office and in general all documents and materials made available, belonging to or used by the Office, wherever located in Ethiopia and by whomsoever held, shall be inviolable.