



XIII. Liaison with Other United Nations Organizations

Articles of Agreement: Art. X

Relations with Other International Organizations

The Fund shall cooperate within the terms of this Agreement with any general international organization and with public international organizations having specialized responsibilities in related fields. Any arrangements for such cooperation which would involve a modification of any provision of this Agreement may be effected only after amendment to this Agreement under Article XVII.

Copy of wire March 12, 1946 from  
Hon. Herbert Lehman, Director General, UNRRA:

Honorable Fred M. Vinson  
Chairman Board of Governors  
International Monetary Fund and  
International Bank for  
Reconstruction and Development

Hearty congratulations to you on your election as Chairman of Board of Governors of the World Bank and Fund. I take pleasure in informing you that the fourth session of the Council of the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration will be convened in Atlantic City on 15 March 1946. It has been suggested that it would be most helpful if the International Monetary Fund and International Bank for Reconstruction and Development could be represented by Observers at this session in pursuance of Article VII of the rules of procedure of the Council which reads as follows: "The Council and central committee may invite observers or may invite public international organizations non-member governments or authorities relief and welfare agencies or others to attend observers to attend all or any of their meetings or parts thereof or to participate in such meetings or parts thereof without vote under such conditions as the Council or the central committee respectively shall determine. All such invitations shall be transmitted by the Director General." If the International Monetary Fund and the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development should be willing to accept such an invitation I would propose to the Council immediately upon the commencement of the session that an invitation be extended to you and would transmit this to you upon its acceptance by the Council.

Herbert Lehman  
Director General

Copy of wire in reply to above, March 18, 1946:

Honorable Herbert Lehman, Director General  
United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration  
Washington, D. C.

Your wire regarding the sending of observers to the fourth session of the Council of UNRRA was presented to the Governors of the International Monetary Fund and International Bank for Reconstruction and Development. The Governors appreciated the



thoughtfulness of your invitation and expressed deep interest in the fourth session of the council of your great organization. However, I must regretfully inform you that we will be unable to send representatives, not for lack of interest, but because the Fund and Bank are not sufficiently organized at this time to do so.

Thank you for your congratulations. Please be assured of our best wishes and continuing interest.

Fred M. Vinson  
Chairman, Board of Governors  
International Monetary Fund and  
International Bank for Reconstruction  
and Development

Excerpt from Proceedings of Board of Governors  
March 15, 1946

The Chair recognized the Secretary General.

MR. KELCHNER: Mr. Chairman, a letter has just been received from the President of the Economic and Social Council, which reads as follows:

March 12th, 1946

Fred M. Vinson, Esq.,  
President, Board of Governors,  
International Monetary Fund,  
General Oglethorpe Hotel,  
Savannah, Georgia.

Dear Sir:

As you are aware the Charter of the United Nations provides that intergovernmental organizations may be brought into relationship with the General Assembly of the United Nations through the Economic and Social Council. The Council at its meeting in February appointed a committee called the Negotiating Committee to enter into negotiations with certain intergovernmental organizations, and prepared an agreement for submission to the General Assembly at its next session in September.

Among the organizations which the Economic and Social Council desires to establish relationship with, are the International Monetary Fund and the Bank. The Secretary General of the United Nations will shortly be sending you a communication indicating the points which the Negotiating Committee of the Economic Council would like to discuss with the authorities of the Fund and Bank.

I am anxious that these negotiations should take place at the next session of the Economic and Social Council, which will be held in New York from the 25th of May to probably the 20th of June. It is highly desirable that the negotiations should be completed during that period, as the Council will then be in a position to report to the September session of the General Assembly when the agreement may be adopted. Otherwise, the draft agreement will have to be held over till the second session of the Assembly in September of the following year, 1947. I would therefore request you as



Chairman and your Board to consider the desirability of authorizing an individual or a committee to meet the Negotiating Committee and discuss with them the terms of an agreement on the nature of the relationship between your organization and the General Assembly. I would also like to have an indication of the time when your committee can meet the Negotiating Committee so that I can arrange that the Committee is convened for that date.

I shall be thankful for a reply at your convenience.

Yours sincerely,

/s/ A. Ramaswami Mudaliar  
A. Ramaswami Mudaliar,  
President, Economic and Social Council

MR. VINSON: This matter received the consideration of your Procedures Committee. It was the concensus and I think the unanimous view of the committee that the letter be referred to the Executive Directors with authority to discuss an arrangement for collaboration with the United Nations Economic and Social Council, and to prepare recommendations for submission to the Board of Governors.

Is there any discussion in regard to the suggested proposal of the Procedures Committee?

(No response.)

Is there objection to the suggestion of the Procedures Committee?

(No response.)

The Chair hears none, and the matter will be handled in that fashion.

March 29, 1946

My dear Sir Ramaswami:

Your letter of March 12, 1946, regarding relationships between the Economic and Social Council and the International Monetary Fund and the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development was presented to the Boards of Governors of the two institutions at the recent Inaugural Meeting held at Savannah, Georgia. After consideration of your request the Boards directed the Executive Directors of the Fund and Bank to undertake exploratory negotiations with the Negotiating Committee and to report their recommendations to the Boards of Governors, whose next meeting will be in September of this year.

At this time it is not possible to set a date for the Executive Directors to meet with the Negotiating Committee, since they will not convene until around the first of May. However, the Executive Directors will be requested to communicate with you regarding such a meeting as soon as possible after their organization for business.



On behalf of the Boards of Governors I would like to express appreciation of your interest and to assure you of our desire to cooperate fully with the Economic and Social Council toward achieving our joint aims.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) Fred M. Vinson

Chairman, Boards of Governors  
International Monetary Fund and  
International Bank for Reconstruction  
and Development

Sir A. Ramaswami Mudaliar,  
President, Economic and  
Social Council,  
United Nations Organization,  
Bronx, New York, New York.

8 April, 1946

Roman L. Horne, Esq.  
Secretary  
International Monetary Fund  
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Washington 4, D. C.

Dear Sir:

I have to refer to the correspondence recently exchanged between the President of the Economic and Social Council and the Chairman of the Board of Governors of the International Monetary Fund concerning the desire of the Council, through a Negotiating Committee appointed for this purpose, to discuss with representatives of the Fund the relationships which might be established between these two agencies.

I have pleasure in sending you herewith a copy of the resolution adopted by the Economic and Social Council on 16 February, to which reference was made in the President's letter of 12 March, 1946. This resolution sets forth the points which the Negotiating Committee will wish to discuss with the appropriate Fund authorities with a view to the preparation of a draft agreement for submission to the General Assembly at its next session in September. You will note that the subjects on which the Committee is authorized to negotiate are based upon Section 5 of Chapter III of the report of the United Nations Preparatory Commission, copy of which is being forwarded to you under separate cover. It is the hope of the Negotiating Committee that it will be possible for the representative or representatives who may be designated by the Fund for the purpose of these negotiations, to meet with the Committee during the Second Session of the Economic and Social Council beginning 25 May. In this connection it is noted that the Executive Directors will be requested to communicate with the President of the Council as soon as possible after the Board convenes around the first of May.



In the meantime, with a view to expediting an informal exchange of views, I would suggest that a member of the United Nations Secretariat might confer with you or your representative as to the form in which an agreement might be drafted for the consideration of the negotiating officers when they are appointed. I would appreciate your advising me of a convenient, approximate date when such informal conversations may be held.

Yours sincerely,

A. D. K. Owen  
Assistant Secretary General,  
Economic Department

Resolution Adopted by Economic and Social Council  
on 16 February, 1946

1. THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL in order to initiate negotiations with certain inter-governmental agencies with a view to bringing them into relationship with the United Nations in accordance with Articles 57 and 63 of the Charter,

ESTABLISHES A NEGOTIATING COMMITTEE OF THE COUNCIL.

2. The Committee is directed:

(a) to enter into negotiations as early as possible with the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the International Labour Organization, the International Monetary Fund, the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization;

(b) to submit a report of the negotiations to the Second Session of the Council, including therein a draft preliminary agreement based upon the negotiations with the above-mentioned agencies;

(c) to arrange for the inclusion in the preliminary draft agreements with each of these agencies appropriate provisions on the following subjects, based on the relevant paragraphs of Chapter III, Section 5, of the Report of the Preparatory Commission.

- (i) reciprocal representation (paras. 8 and 9);
- (ii) exchange of information and documents (para. 10);
- (iii) proposal of agenda items (para. 15);
- (iv) recommendations of the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council (para. 17);
- (v) reports (para. 18);
- (vi) decisions of the Security Council (para. 19);
- (vii) assistance to the Trusteeship Council (para. 20);



(viii) requests for information by the International Court of Justice (para. 25);

(ix) statistical services (para. 41).

3. The Committee will consider with these agencies the desirability of including provisions on the following matters:

- (a) liaison (para. 11);
- (b) personnel arrangements (paras. 36 and 27);
- (c) common fiscal services (para. 35);
- (d) common technical services (para. 40).

4. The Committee will:

(a) review with each of the foregoing agencies, alternative methods for giving effect to Article 17, paragraph 3, of the Charter, concerning budgetary and financial relationships, as outlined in paragraphs 26 to 34 of Chapter III, Section 5, of the Report of the Preparatory Commission and include an appropriate provision thereon in the draft preliminary agreements;

(b) ascertain the views of these agencies with regard to the possible nature of their requests for advisory opinions from the International Court of Justice, to enable the Council to report thereon to the General Assembly.

5. The Committee will hold its first meeting in London upon the adjournment of the Council and plan its work and the time and place of its meetings.

6. The Economic and Social Council, taking note of the Resolution of the General Assembly instructing the Secretary-General to open negotiations with the specialized agencies with regard to the co-ordination of privileges and immunities of the United Nations and the specialized agencies, requests the Committee to consult the Secretary-General on the procedure by which effect may be given to this Resolution.

7. The Council designates the members of the Council for Belgium, Canada, Chile, China, Colombia, Czechoslovakia, France, Norway, USSR, United Kingdom, United States, and the President of the Council, to constitute the Negotiating Committee.

April 15, 1946

Dear Mr. Owen:

This is in reply to your letter of April 8, 1946, in which you suggest discussions looking toward the preparation of an agreement between the Economic and Social Council and the Fund that might be submitted to the Second Session of the Council beginning May 25.

I have the honor to inform you that the Executive Directors of the Fund will convene for their first meeting on May 6 to consider the basic organization and operating problems of the Fund. While it appears unlikely that they will have time to discuss an agreement with the Economic and Social Council prior to May 25, I shall be pleased to call your proposal to their attention. I regret to say that I, as temporary secretary, am not in a position to explore the matter further with representatives of the Economic and Social Council at this time.

Sincerely yours,

Roman L. Horne  
Temporary Secretary

Mr. A. D. K. Owen  
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## UNITED NATIONS

26 April 1946

Sir:

On behalf of the Assistant Secretary-General in Charge of the Department of Economic Affairs, I have the honour to inform you that the initial meetings of certain Commissions of the Economic and Social Council, as temporarily constituted, including the Economic and Employment Commission and the Statistical Commission, will commence on 29 April, at Hunter College, New York. I am also directed to inform you that a representative of the International Monetary Fund is cordially invited to be present at the sessions of any Commission or Commissions in which the International Monetary Fund may be particularly interested.

You will appreciate the fact that at the present stage these Commissions are "nuclear" Commissions only, whose members have been appointed in a strictly personal, as distinct from a representative, capacity and that their forthcoming meetings will be primarily concerned with the formulation of recommendations and suggestions as to the composition, terms of reference, etc. of the full Commissions.

Should the International Monetary Fund desire to have a representative or representatives present in New York at any time during the forthcoming series of meetings, which are expected to last until approximately 20 May, we would appreciate being advised accordingly so that arrangements may be made for extending such courtesies and facilities as the Secretariat is able to offer.

In the event of it not being possible for a representative to attend, the Secretariat will be glad to see that copies of such Commission documents, including final reports and recommendations, as are likely to be of interest to the International Monetary Fund are duly forwarded.

I have the honour to be, Sir, your obedient servant,

For the Assistant Secretary-General,

B. R. Turner

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