

Memorandum of Understanding for cooperation between the United Nations International Drug Control Programme and the International Labour Organization

Preamble

Wishing to coordinate their efforts to give effect within the terms of the Charter of the United Nations and other applicable agreements, resolutions and declarations to the respective mandates of the United Nations International Drug Control Programme (hereinafter called UNDCP) and The International Labour Organization (hereinafter called ILO);

Recognizing that UNDCP has the exclusive responsibility for coordinating and providing effective leadership for all United Nations drug control activities as mandated by General Assembly Resolution GA/Res/45/179;

Whereas ILO is the lead agency in labour and social policy which can contribute to reducing the demand for drugs through its focus on prevention and rehabilitation strategies;

Whereas ILO recognizes the importance of cooperating fully and participating as appropriate, and within its fields of competence, in the international efforts to reduce and prevent drug-related problems;

Whereas such important matters as the vocational rehabilitation and the social reintegration of drug-dependent persons as well as workplace and community-based prevention and assistance programmes are activities for which ILO is technically competent and which are essential components of UNDCP's National and Regional Drug Control Master Plans;

Desirous of establishing a satisfactory basis for cooperation with a view to making a maximum contribution to international drug control efforts;

Recognizing that such cooperation should develop in the light of experience and practical action;

Recalling that the Executive Heads of the ILO and the former United Nations Fund for Drug Abuse Control (UNFDAC), now integrated into UNDCP, had concluded on 8 October 1981 a similar Memorandum of Understanding;

The Director-General of the ILO and the Executive Director of UNDCP have agreed the following:

ARTICLE I
Mutual Consultation

1. UNDCP and ILO will consult regularly on policy issues and matters of common interest for the purpose of realizing their objectives and coordinating their respective activities.
2. ILO will keep UNDCP informed of developments in its activities and projects of relevance to UNDCP. ILO will take UNDCP observations concerning such activities into consideration with a view to achieving effective coordination between UNDCP and ILO.
3. UNDCP will keep ILO informed of developments in its activities and projects of relevance to ILO. UNDCP will take ILO observations concerning such activities into consideration with a view to achieving effective coordination between UNDCP and ILO.
4. When appropriate, consultations will be arranged at the required level between representatives of ILO and UNDCP to agree upon the most effective manner in which to organize particular activities and to secure the fullest utilization of their resources, in compliance with their respective mandates.

ARTICLE II
Exchange of Information

1. ILO and UNDCP will coordinate their efforts to achieve the best use of all available information including statistical and legislative information relevant to drug rehabilitation, aftercare services for drug-dependent persons, and prevention and reduction of drug-related problems in the workplace and the community and to ensure the most effective utilization of their resources in the collection, analysis, publication and diffusion of such information.
2. Subject to such arrangements as may be necessary for the safeguarding of confidential material, the fullest and promptest exchange of information and documents concerning matters of common interest will be made between ILO and UNDCP.

ARTICLE III
Reciprocal Representation

1. In accordance with Article II of the Agreement between the United Nations and the International Labour Organization, representatives of the UNDCP shall be invited to attend the International Labour Conference and meetings of the Governing Body of the International Labour Office and to participate without vote in the deliberations of these bodies and where appropriate of their committees with respect to items on their agenda in which the UNDCP has indicated that it has an interest.

2. Representatives of the ILO shall likewise be invited to attend the Commission on Narcotic Drugs and to participate without vote in the deliberations of that body and where appropriate of its committees with respect to items on their agenda in which the International Labour Organization has indicated that it has an interest.

3. Appropriate arrangements shall be made by agreement from time to time for the reciprocal representation of the ILO and UNDCP at other meetings convened under their respective auspices which consider matters in which the other party has an interest.

4. Appropriate arrangements shall be made for the purpose of coordination and collaboration at both policy and programming level with a view to ensuring the implementation of the provisions of the present Memorandum of Understanding.

ARTICLE IV ***Technical Cooperation***

1. When this is in the interest of their respective activities, ILO and UNDCP may each seek each other's technical cooperation when the other party is especially qualified to assist in the development and implementation of such activities.

2. ILO will endeavour to give a favourable response to appropriate requests by UNDCP for ILO to develop and execute or be associated in the execution of UNDCP country projects set up for reducing drug abuse and having components that fall within ILO's technical competence. The modalities of execution will be agreed on a case-by-case basis. Procurement of services and goods, fellowships and study tours and sub-contracts will be governed by the rules and practices of ILO.

3. Subject to such arrangements as may be necessary for the safeguarding of confidential documents, ILO and UNDCP will collaborate in identifying appropriate consultants and experts.

4. ILO's cooperation with UNDCP's current and planned activities will be related to matters that fall within ILO's technical competence. In this process ILO might associate its own human and financial resources or, with the consent of UNDCP, as appropriate, avail itself of human and financial resources of UNDCP.

5. Joint project activities to be conducted under the present Memorandum of Understanding will be subject to individual project documents and to joint evaluation at intervals to be agreed upon.

ARTICLE V

Technical meetings/missions

1. ILO and UNDCP will consult each other to ensure the greatest possible degree of coordination with regard to meetings/missions of technical experts concerning questions in which both ILO and UNDCP have an interest.

2. Whenever appropriate, UNDCP will consult the ILO on relevant programmes at country and regional level and will invite it to participate in project formulations when these concern drug demand reduction which include components that fall within ILO's technical competence. The modalities of financing these activities, including joint planning missions, will be agreed on a case-by-case basis.

3. UNDCP and ILO may, in appropriate cases, agree to sponsor, on terms to be arranged in each particular case, joint meetings/missions of technical experts concerning questions in which both of them have an interest. The manner in which action recommended by such joint meetings/missions is undertaken shall be agreed between the ILO and UNDCP.

ARTICLE VI

Entry into Force, Modification and Duration

1. The present Memorandum of Understanding shall come into effect upon signature.

2. The Memorandum of Understanding may be modified or terminated by mutual written consent.

3. The present Memorandum of Understanding shall supersede upon its signature the Memorandum of Understanding between ILO and UNFDAC of 8 October 1981 and any other prior agreements concluded between both parties.

In witness whereof, the Director General of the International Labour Office and the Executive Director of the United Nations International Drug Control Programme have signed the present Memorandum of Understanding in duplicate on the dates appearing opposite their respective signatures.

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