

Memorandum on Cooperation between the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean and the Permanent Commission of the South Pacific

Taking into consideration that the Permanent Commission of the South Pacific (CPPS), was created in 1952 aimed at ensuring the conservation of the living resources of its States parties' maritime zones and sovereignty in the South-East Pacific and beyond this zone.

Bearing in mind the CPPS' interest in the exploitation of non-living resources in the seabed and in the ocean and in its subsoil beyond the limits of national jurisdiction, taking into consideration primarily the interest of the countries of the South-East Pacific and of other developing countries.

Considering that CPPS promotes the implementation of joint actions and the acquisition of technical and financial assistance for the conduct of research in oceans, climate, biology and environment, directed towards achieving the most advantageous utilization of the coastal areas and maritime zones of the States parties.

Taking into consideration that CPPS promotes the establishment of mechanisms of cooperation with countries and related international institutions, United Nations specialized agencies and other organizations and international agencies for the development of policies, plans, projects and programmes.

Considering that the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC), has in its working programme the subjects of environment and natural resources, which specifically include evaluation of sustainable development in the region; the components and environmental effects of the public policy and international agreements; economy, (social?) equity and environment, sustainable management of natural resources, the study of vulnerability of coastal zones and ocean mining zones, national and international legal instruments related to natural resources and to the international insertion and integration, among others.

Bearing in mind that ECLAC plans the implementation of activities in its programmes and subprogrammes in close collaboration with programmes and institutions of the United Nations system, as well as with international organizations, regional and sub-regional, such as the Permanent Commission of the South Pacific; and

Taking into consideration that the Permanent Commission of the South Pacific and the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean signed an Agreement on Cooperation in Santiago de Chile, 22 June 1983; CPPS and ECLAC agree the following:

Article 1

Institutional Aspects

ECLAC and CPPS will keep each other informed in what concerns the arrangement for meetings and events under their respective sponsorship dealing with themes of common interest in the areas of their relevant competencies.

Article 2

Information exchange

ECLAC and CPPS will establish procedures for the permanent exchange of information, documents and publications in their respective fields of action, in particular the mechanisms of exchange of information will focus on subjects related to trade and environment, natural resources and law of the sea.

Article 3

Coordination and support activities

ECLAC and CPPS agree to assist with their utmost cooperation in the implementation of the programmes related to the environment, natural resources and ocean affairs. The cooperation might involve:

- Joint implementation of scientific studies in the area of natural resources.
- Personnel training.
- Research on marine living and non-living resources.
- Joint undertaking of workshops, courses, conferences, seminars or events with the appropriate financial and infrastructure support.
- The implementation and presentation of projects to other programmes of the United Nations System in order to obtain financial resources for the implementation of programmes on research and study.

Article 4

Consultations and Reports

ECLAC and CPPS Secretariats will conduct ad hoc consultations to put into practice this memorandum of cooperation and will consider the feasibility of establishing complimentary agreements to strengthen and extend the mutual cooperation. Such complementary agreements will stipulate the activities to develop, the inputs and responsibilities of both institutions. ECLAC resources received by CPPS and other inputs

for the implementation of activities within the framework of this agreement (convention) will be administered according to the regulations of the United Nations.

Article 5
Revision and amendments

This memorandum can be modified in conformity with the concurrence of ECLAC and CPPS at the request of any of the parties.

Article 6
Duration

This memorandum of understanding will be for three years to start off with the date of signature. The memorandum can be extended for the same term providing this is agreed upon prior to the expiration of the initial term.

Signed in two (2) identical copies in on

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