

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**

**BETWEEN**

**THE INTERNATIONAL JUTE STUDY GROUP (IJSG)**

**AND**

**THE FOOD AND AGRICULTURE ORGANIZATION OF  
THE UNITED NATIONS (FAO)**

**Preamble:**

The Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (hereafter referred to as FAO) and the International Jute Study Group (hereinafter referred to as IJSG);

Recalling that FAO was established for the purpose of raising levels of nutrition and standards of living of the peoples, securing improvements in the efficiency of the production and distribution of all food and agricultural products, bettering the conditions of rural populations, and thus humanity's freedom from hunger;

Recalling that IJSG was established in 2002, as the legal successor to the erstwhile International Jute Organisation (hereinafter referred as IJO), to provide an effective framework for international cooperation, consultation and policy development with regard to all relevant aspects of the world of jute economy, and to address the issues of poverty alleviation, employment and development of human resources, particularly women, in the jute sector;

Mindful of their common interest in supporting the efforts of their Members to facilitate jute production, consumption and trade in order to improve the incomes and food security of jute producers and others employed in and associated with the jute industry in jute producing and consuming countries, within the framework of sustainable agricultural development, and the struggle against hunger and malnutrition;

Hereby agree to strengthen their collaboration as follows:

**Article I - Purpose of the Memorandum of Understanding**

The purpose of the present Memorandum of Understanding is to ensure cooperation between FAO (particularly through its Intergovernmental Group on Jute, Kenaf and Allied Fibres) and IJSG by consultation, coordination of efforts, mutual assistance and joint action in fields of common interest and in accordance with the objectives and principles of FAO and IJSG.

**Article 2 - Consultation**

FAO and IJSG shall consult, through respective designated officers, on all matters mentioned in Article I above that are of mutual interest to them.

**Article 3 - Reciprocal Representation**

FAO and IJSG shall invite each other to participate in an observer capacity, in conferences and meetings convened by either party on matter of common interest in accordance with their respective rules and procedures.

#### **Article 4 - Exchange of Information and Documents**

FAO and IJSG shall arrange for the exchange of information and documents concerning matters of common interest. IJSG shall, to the extent possible, use information and data provided by FAO to avoid duplication of efforts.

#### **Article 5 - Technical Co-operation and Joint Action**

1. Whenever desirable, FAO and IJSG may seek each other's technical co-operation with a view to promoting the development of collaborative activities in fields of common interest.
2. In respect of each collaborative activity indicated in paragraph 1 above, the present Memorandum of Understanding shall be supplemented by a specific Exchange of Letters arranged through the respective competent organs or appropriate channels.
3. The above exchange of letters (i) shall, *inter alia*, document the specific terms and conditions agreed upon for each collaborative activity or project, (ii) shall define the manner and extent of participation by each party, and (iii) shall specify the financial commitment, if any, that each party is to assume.

#### **Article 6 - Amendments**

Both parties may request that the present Memorandum of Understanding be amended. Any such amendment shall be adopted by mutual consent. Whenever required, an exchange of letters will detail the implementation of this article.

#### **Article 7 - Termination**

1. Either party may terminate the present Memorandum of Understanding by giving six months' written notice to other party.
2. The obligations on the parties under the terms of this Memorandum of Understanding shall remain in force after its termination to the extent that may be necessary to properly wind up activities already undertaken, and to settle any financial relations between the parties and meet mutual and/or joint contractual obligations.

#### **Article 8 - Entry into force**

1. The present Memorandum of Understanding, being concluded in a spirit of friendly and increased cooperation shall come into force on its signature by the Director-General of FAO and the Secretary General of IJSG, or their representatives.
2. The present Memorandum of Understanding supersedes the Agreement concluded in 1984 between FAO and IJO.

(Signed)

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For the International Jute Study Group

T. Nanda Kumar  
Secretary General

Date: 19 Sep 2004

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For the Food and Agriculture Organization  
of the United Nations

Jacques Diouf  
Director-General

Date: 14 Oct 2004