

**AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE PORTUGUESE REPUBLIC AND THE FOOD AND AGRICULTURE ORGANIZATION OF THE UNITED NATIONS CONCERNING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN INFORMATION OFFICE OF THE ORGANIZATION IN LISBON**

Whereas the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations has decided to establish an Information Office in Lisbon;

Whereas the Portuguese Republic has informed the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations that it is prepared to facilitate the establishment of such an Office;

The Portuguese Republic and the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations have agreed as follows:

**Article 1**

The Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (hereinafter FAO) shall establish in Lisbon an Information Office.

**Article 2**

The main purpose of the establishment of FAO's Information Office in Lisbon is to spread and share information and knowledge among Member States of the Community of Portuguese Speaking Countries (CPLP) to support and strengthen their technical cooperation and collective efforts to combat hunger and poverty, as well as about the global public goods related to food and agriculture, including technical information, international standards, food security evaluation, pests and diseases, environmental effects due to agricultural activities, international legal agreements about food issues, genetic resources and fishery management.

The FAO Information office will aim also to familiarize public opinion with the work of FAO, sensitize it to the issue of hunger, and establish closer ties with the CPLP governments, NGOs and civil society, while giving FAO greater prominence in the media.

**Article 3**

The Information Office, acting on behalf of the FAO, shall enjoy in the territory of the Portuguese Republic juridical personality. It shall have the capacity: *a)* to contract; *b)* to acquire and dispose of immovable and movable property; *c)* to institute legal proceedings.

**Article 4**

The Portuguese Republic shall apply to the FAO's Information Office in Lisbon and to the officials assigned to it by the FAO, the relevant provisions of the Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the Specialized Agencies, approved by the General Assembly of the United Nations on 21 November 1947, which is annexed to the present Agreement and is an integral part thereof.

#### **Article 5**

1 — The Portuguese Republic shall provide, through the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, to the FAO suitable premises free of charge for the establishment of the Information Office in Lisbon.

4 — Exceptionally and for a transitional period that will not exceed 2010, the Portuguese Republic will provide the staff needed to ensure the Office's functioning.

#### **Article 6**

The Portuguese Republic shall incur no international responsibility by reason of the activities of the Information Office on its territory or of the acts or omissions of the Office or its Staff in the exercise of their functions.

#### **Article 7**

1 — The present Agreement shall enter into force upon receipt by FAO of the notification by the Portuguese Republic indicating that all internal procedures necessary to that effect have been completed.

2 — The present Agreement may be amended by agreement between the parties. Any amendment shall enter into force according to the procedure established in paragraph 1 of the present article.

3 — The present Agreement can be terminated by agreement between the Parties. The Parties shall agree upon the date from which the provisions of the Agreement will cease to be in force.

4 — All disputes arising out of the interpretation or application of the present Agreement shall be settled by consultation, negotiation or other agreed mode of settlement.

In witness thereof, the undersigned, being duly authorised thereto, have signed the present Agreement.

Done in Lisbon, on 25 July 2008, in Portuguese and English, both texts being equally authentic.

For the Portuguese Republic

For the Food and Agriculture Organization of  
the United Nations