

**STATUTE
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CENTRE FOR SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
OF THE MOVEMENT OF
NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES AND OTHER DEVELOPING
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PREAMBLE

The Meeting of Plenipotentiaries of the Non-aligned Countries:

In pursuance of the common strategy for cooperation among non-aligned and other development countries:

In accordance with the decision taken in the fields of science and technology at the Fifth, Sixth and Seventh conference of Heads of State or Government of the Non-aligned Countries held respectively at Colombo in 1976, Havana in 1979 and New Delhi in 1983.

Recalling the declaration and the Action programme on the establishment of the New International Economic Order, as well as the Charter adopted by the United Nations General Assembly and the relevant provisions of the international Development Strategy and the Caracas Programme of Action:

Convinced that the essential element of the New International Economic Order being the promotion of Collective self-reliance among developing countries.

Calling for an intensive cooperation among non-aligned and other developing countries in the spheres of science and technology:

Has agreed on the following:

CHAPTER I

Establishment and Headquarters

Article 1. To establish the Centre for Science and Technology of the Non-aligned and Other Developing Countries (hereinafter referred to as the Centre)

Article 2. The Centre shall have its headquarters in New Delhi, India.

CHAPTER II

Membership

Article 3. All Members of the Movement of Non-aligned Countries shall be eligible for membership of the Centre. Other developing countries may become members of the Centre upon approval of their applications by the Governing Council. (All members of the Centre shall hereinafter be referred to as members.)

CHAPTER III

Objectives and Functions

Article 4. The Centre shall take action to strengthen cooperation among non-aligned and other developing countries in the fields of science and technology. The Centre shall also:

- (a) help in the establishment of links between national and regional centres for development and transfer of technology:

- (b) promote the fullest possible mutually beneficial collaboration among scientists and technologists and scientific organisations from non-aligned and other developing countries:
- (c) promote the establishment, in cooperation with national and regional centres, of a system of meetings and consultations of scientists and technologists from Non-aligned and other developing countries on a continuing basis:
- (d) act as a clearing-house of information regarding technological capabilities of individual non-aligned and other developing countries with a view to promoting technological cooperation and transfer of technology among them, and provide early information about impending technological changes and seek to develop a data bank:
- (e) maintain a registry of scientific and technological experts of high calibre whose services could be utilised by the Members of the Centre:
- (f) stimulate and promote joint research and development projects and training programmes, either on bilateral or multilateral basis, among the Members of the Centre in selected fields of special relevance:
- (g) Appoint special panels of outstanding experts for the preparation of state-of-the-art reports in respect of selected fields and problems, with a view to rendering expert advice to Members in the choice of technology as well as their scientific and technological growth, including human resources development:
- (h) provide suggestions including models for balanced scientific and technological development based on optimum utilisation of resources.
- (i) monitor the implementation of the programmes pertaining to scientific and technological development recommended or approved at intergovernmental meetings of non-aligned and other developing countries.

Article 5.

The Centre may perform such other functions as may be assigned to it by either a meeting of the Foreign Ministers of Non-aligned Countries or by a Summit Meeting of Heads of State or Governments of Non-aligned Countries.

Article 6.

The Centre may, within the limits of its objectives and upon approval of the Governing Council, undertake

appropriate cooperation with the United Nations and its specialised agencies as well as with other governmental and non-governmental organisations.

CHAPTER IV

Structure

Article 7.

The structure of the Centre shall be as follows:

- (a) A Governing Council, composed of the representative of all the Members of the Centre, and
- (b) The Secretariat of the Centre headed by a Director General.

The Governing Council

Article 8.

Sessions of the Governing Council shall ordinarily be held at regular intervals as may be necessitated by the nature and urgency of the issues to be considered. However, in the interim period, efforts shall be made to hold meetings of the Bureau of the Governing Council about once each year. Extraordinary sessions of the Governing Council shall however be held at the request of at least two-thirds of the Members.

Article 9.

For each session of the Governing Council, a President, and three Vice-Presidents shall be elected who will form the Bureau of the Governing Council.

Article 10.

The Governing Council, or the Bureau of the Governing Council on behalf of the Governing Council, shall:

- (a) establish the guidelines for the work of the Centre :
- (b) examine and approve the reports of the Director General of the Centre:
- (c) consider and adopt the work programme and the budget of the Centre:
- (d) inform the Ministerial Meetings of Non-aligned Countries and as appropriate, the Ministerial Meetings of the Group of 77, of the activities of the Centre:
- (e) approve admission, as Members, of other developing countries not members of the Non-aligned Movement.

Article 11.

The Governing Council, or the Bureau of the Governing Council on behalf of the Governing Council, shall adopt appropriate rules of procedure for its functioning, in accordance with the same procedure of decision-making

as is applicable for decisions in all bodies of the Non-aligned Movement.

Director General of the Centre

Article 12.

The Director General of the Centre shall be appointed by the Governing Council.

Article 13.

The Director General of the Centre shall:

- (a) organize the Centre and prepare the regulations for its operation for approval of the Governing Council:
- (b) be the legal representative of the Centre:
- (c) be responsible for the execution of the plan of work and the implementation of the guidelines established by the Governing Council.
- (d) (i) Prepare and submit the budget of the Centre to the Governing Council, or the Bureau of the Governing Council on behalf of the Governing Council, for consideration and approval:
 - (ii) be responsible for the management of the finances of the Centre.
- (e) appoint the personnel of the Centre and be responsible for the day-to-day working of the Centre in conformity with the directives of the Governing Council.

CHAPTER V

Personnel

Article 14.

The personnel of the Centre shall be recruited on the basis of their knowledge and experience.

CHAPTER VI

Budget and Contributions

Article 15.

The Centre shall have the following financial resources:

- (a) a fixed, uniform membership contribution to be determined by the Governing Council from time to time. Due consideration shall be given to the situation on Least Developing Countries.
- (b) voluntary contributions from Members, States, inter-governmental organisations, other persons or bodies, provided that these are accepted by the Governing Council: and
- (c) other income resulting from its activities.

Article 16.

The records, books and accounts of the Centre shall be audited by an independent auditor appointed by the

Governing Council, or the Bureau of the Governing Council on behalf of the Governing Council.

CHAPTER VII

Status, Privileges and immunities

Article 17. The Centre shall possess juridical personality; it shall have the capacity:

- (a) to contact:
- (b) to acquire and dispose of immovable and moveable property:
- (c) to institute legal proceedings:

Article 18. The Centre shall enjoy, in accordance with an agreement to be concluded with the host Member, such privileges and immunities as are necessary at its headquarters for the independent discharge of its functions and programmes approved by the Governing Council.

Article 19. The Centre shall also enjoy, in accordance with agreements to be concluded with Members, such privileges and immunities as are necessary in their territories for the independent discharge of its functions and programmes approved by the Governing Council.

Article 20. The Representatives of Members of the Centre and Officials of the Centre shall enjoy such privileges and immunities as are necessary for the independent exercise of their functions in connection with the Centre.

Article 21. In carrying out their duties, the Director General and the personnel of the Centre shall not seek or receive instructions from any Member or from any other sources external to the Centre. Members shall respect the international character of the responsibilities of the Director General and the personnel of the Centre and shall not seek to influence them in the discharge of their responsibilities.

CHAPTER VIII

Official Working Languages

Article 22. Arabic, English, French and Spanish shall be the official working languages of the Centre.

CHAPTER IX

Amendments to the Statute

- Article 23.* Proposal to amend the Statute may be submitted to the Governing Council by any Member.
- Article 24.* The proposed amendment(s) after due authorisation of the office bearers of the Centre shall be electronically circulated by the Secretariat to all the member countries for comments and subsequent adoption.
- Article 25.* The amended Statute shall come into force with immediate effect and ratified by the Governing Council at its next meeting, unless one third of the member countries express any reservation which will need to be conveyed to the Secretariat within three months of the electronic circulation of the proposed amendment(s).

CHAPTER X

Signature, Acceptance and Entry into force

- Article 26.* The Present Statute shall be open for signature, after its adoption by the Plenipotentiary Conference, at the Permanent Mission of India to the United Nations, New York, for six months, and thereafter, at the Ministry of External Affairs, New Delhi, India, for a period of one year. The Statute shall, however, remain open for accession.
- Article 27.* The Statute shall be subject to ratification, acceptance or approval by the signatory members. Instruments of ratification, acceptance or approval and instruments of accession shall be deposited with the Government of India.
- Article 28.* The Statute shall enter into force on the 30th day following the date of the deposit of the 30th instrument of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession.
- Article 29.* For each Member ratifying or accepting or approving or acceding after the deposit of the 30th instrument of ratification or acceptance or approval or accession, the Statute shall enter into force on the 30th day after deposit by such Members of its instrument of ratification or acceptance or approval or accession.
- Article 30.* The depository Member shall inform all signatory and acceding Members of the date of the entry into force of the Statute or any other relevant matters. It shall also inform all the parties to the Statute the date and duration of the first meeting of the Governing Council.
- Article 31.* The authentic texts of the Statute are in the Arabic, English, French and Spanish languages.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned representatives, being duly authorised thereto, have signed this Statute.**

DONE AT NEW YORK, this fourth day of February of one thousand nine hundred and eight-five.

** The following Thirty one countries have signed the Statute
(as of October 1988)

1. Afghanistan
2. Algeria
3. Argentina
4. Bangladesh
5. Bhutan
6. Bolivia
7. Burkina Faso
8. Colombia
9. Congo
10. Cuba
11. Cyprus
12. D.P.R. Korea
13. Egypt
14. Ethiopia
15. Gabon
16. Guyana
17. India
18. Indonesia
19. Malta
20. Nepal
21. Nicaragua
22. Pakistan
23. Peru
24. St. Lucia
25. Syrian Arab Republic
26. Togo
27. Tanzania
28. Uganda
29. Vietnam
30. Yugoslavia
31. Zimbabwe