

[ENGLISH TEXT — TEXTE ANGLAIS]

FREE AGREEMENT FOR CO-OPERATION IN SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH
AND HUMANITARIAN USE OF MICRO-ALGA SPIRULINA AS FOOD

The Parties,

Conscious of the necessity of improving sustainable development and insure its continuity,

Desirous of promoting cooperation in scientific research, to sustain international cooperation and enhance university education,

Underlining the importance of micro-alga Spirulina as food (as specified in the annex), as food supplement and nutritional source in favour of populations in need, especially in Developing Countries,

Expressing their will to set up national-scaled plants for Spirulina production for humanitarian purposes,

Convinced of the necessity of preventing food emergencies due to natural causes or man-made, in Developing Countries,

Have agreed as follows:

Article 1

In order to attain the objectives stated in this Agreement the Parties hereby establish to set up an intergovernmental Institution named:

-- Collaborative Inter-governmental Scientific Research Institute (C.I.S.R.I)

"to promote scientific research, initiatives and education in favour of international cooperation".

Article 2

The Institute is composed of:

- 1) General Council
- 2) Secretariat
- 3) Intergovernmental Institution for the Use of Micro-alga Spirulina (Spirulina Program), as affiliated body.

Article 3

The General Council, formed by the Representatives of the Parties, meets once a year, summoned by the Secretary-General, to deliberate on the issues on the agenda, to formulate internal rules and procedures and to create, as the case may be, other affiliated bodies.

The General Council is chaired by a Chairman and a Vice-Chairman, elected every two years and deliberates at simple majority (one vote for each Party).

Article 4

The Secretariat of the Institute is composed of a Secretary-General, appointed every five years by the General Council and who may be re-elected, and of members of staff, officials, scientific advisors, as well as technical and scientific commissions, appointed by the Secretary-General.

The Secretariat is responsible for the ordinary and the extraordinary administration of the Institute and of its affiliated bodies.

The name of the first Secretary-General is indicated in the annex.

The Secretary-General, officials and envoys of the Institute as well as its seats, delegations and properties are granted diplomatic status in adhering Countries.

Article 5

The Intergovernmental Institution for the Use of Micro-alga Spirulina (Spirulina Program), is co-ordinated -- under the administration of the Secretariat-- by a Director-General, appointed every five years by the General Council. The Institution is composed of experts, researchers and other members of staff, with the aim to promote studies, research and initiatives for the humanitarian utilization of micro-alga spirulina as food for populations in need.

Article 6

The Institute is self funding and will carry out its activity through public and private voluntary grants and contributions, which shall be managed as a Special Voluntary Fund.

Article 7

The present Agreement does not entail any financial obligation for the Parties.

Article 8

Each Party may, at any time, withdraw from this Agreement.

The Parties agree that, whenever, as a result of withdrawal of one or more Parties herefrom, the plurality of Parties should temporarily be discontinued, the Secretariat shall be empowered to carry on, as extraordinary administration, the activity of the Institute, resolving on the relevant issues relating to such activity.

Article 9

This Agreement enters into force on the date of the second signature hereof, and shall be open for approval or adhesion by signature of the present document or by deposit of formal instrument with the depositary.

The original of this Agreement, of which the English, French and Spanish texts are identical and equally authentic, shall be deposited with the C.I.S.R.I Secretary-General, who shall be in charge for all relevant functions.

In faith whereof, the undersigned, duly authorized, have signed this Agreement.

ANNEX:

I) Seat of the Institute: Rome

II) Spirulina: the term Spirulina used in this Agreement refers to the following varieties: Spirulina Arthrospira Platensis and following kinds: lonar, maxima, geitleri, mexicana and so on, and to every other edible quality of Spirulina

III) Name of the first Secretary-General: Dr. Alessandro Manini

Signatures

Partie CONSTITUANTE

Fonctions MINISTRE DE L'AGRICULTURE

Date 24/8/2000 Signature [Signature] Cachet

Partie REPUBLIQUE DE GUINEE

Fonctions MINISTRE DE L'AGRICULTURE ET DE LA PÊCHE

Date 20/11/2000 Signature [Signature] Cachet