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Prière de rappeler la référence:

**COOPERATIVE MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN  
THE WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION AND THE UNITED NATIONS  
OFFICE ON DRUGS AND CRIME**

*The Declaration on the Guiding Principles of Drug Demand Reduction, United Nations Special Session of the General Assembly Devoted to Countering the World Drug Problem (1998) and the Declaration of Commitment on HIV/AIDS, United Nations General Assembly Special Session on HIV/AIDS (2001), both emphasise the establishment or strengthening of regional, sub-regional and country mechanisms as important in effectively responding to the two global concerns of HIV and drug use. In Asia and the Pacific these two problems are specifically evident in the regional trend toward HIV transmission through the risk behaviours associated with drug misuse, including injecting drug use.*

The World Health Organization (WHO) and the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) recognize that an effective regional response to the issue of HIV vulnerability must be facilitated by complementary activities of WHO and UNODC. Together the two agencies can provide strong leadership to guide and support improved country responses in this area.

Therefore, it is proposed that an active and ongoing collaboration be established between the UNODC on the one hand, through its Regional Centre for East Asia and the Pacific (UNODC Regional Centre) and WHO on the other hand, through its Regional Office for the Western Pacific (WHO/WPRO) and its Regional Office for South East Asia (WHO/SEARO), to address and support better responses to regional and national issues on HIV vulnerability through drugs, including injecting drug use. Under this collaboration, the parties will, subject to the availability of sufficient human and financial resources:

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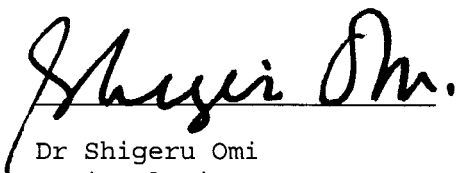
... ENCL.: As stated.

- Regularly exchange information concerning relevant regional and national trends about patterns and trends toward HIV vulnerability from drug misuse;
- Encourage, develop, report and exchange international good practices that may contribute to improved national responses to the drug related elements of the HIV epidemic;
- Provide mutual technical assistance, where feasible and desirable, in the respective areas of expertise of each organization, including WHO development of core policies, tools, guidelines and services for the reduction of HIV and drug related harms, and UNODC developments for the prevention and treatment of drug misuse through regional and national drug control bodies;
- Advocate and support improved, effective national inter-sectoral collaboration (especially among drug control, health and public security sectors) and with the non-government sector of countries especially effected by the transmission of HIV infection from injecting drug use and related risk behaviours; and
- Mutually participate in regional forums, projects, and networks of interest in the area of concern by each agency.

... The attachment details a number of initiatives to be initially undertaken.

This agreement will not infer any financial arrangement or obligation on the part of WHO or UNODC and may be revised upon the request of either party. With the mutual consent of all parties this agreement may be extended to cover other types of collaboration to reduce HIV vulnerability related to drug use on the terms and conditions agree to. Other Agencies in the region may be invited to become parties to the present agreement on agreed terms and conditions.

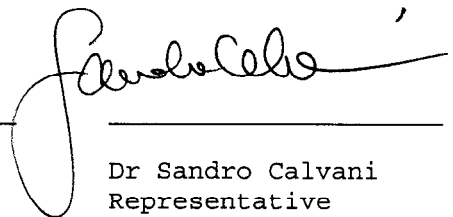
The agreement will take effect on the latest date of signature indicated below, and will be in effect during three years from that date, unless earlier terminated by any party by prior written notice, subject to the orderly conclusion of any ongoing activities.



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Date: 7 JUL 2003

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