

**Agreement for the Establishment of a
Commission for Controlling the Desert Locust
in the Central Region**

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**AGREEMENT FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A
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IN THE CENTRAL REGION**

AGREEMENT FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A COMMISSION FOR CONTROLLING THE DESERT LOCUST IN THE CENTRAL REGION

As amended by the Commission at its Twentieth Session (18-20 October 1994) and approved by the FAO Council at its Hundred and Eighth Session (5-14 June 1995). As further amended by the Commission at its 24th Session (17-21 April 2004) and approved at the 128th Session of the FAO Council (20-24 June 2005)

PREAMBLE

The Contracting Governments, having regard to the urgent necessity of preventing losses to agriculture in certain countries in the Near East caused by the Desert Locust, hereby establish within the framework of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (hereinafter referred to as the “the Organization”) a Commission to be known as the “Commission for Controlling the Desert Locust in the Central Region”, whose object shall be to promote national and international research and action with respect to the control of the Desert Locust in the Central Region of its distribution area. The Central Region (hereinafter referred to as “the Region”) is defined, for the purpose of this Agreement, as consisting of the territories of Bahrain, Djibouti, Egypt, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Iraq, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Somalia, Sudan, Syrian Arab Republic, Turkey, the United Arab Emirates, and Yemen.

ARTICLE I

Membership

1. The Members of the Commission for Controlling the Desert Locust in the Central Region (hereinafter referred to as “the Commission”) shall be such member Nations and Associate Members of the Organization situated in the Region defined in the Preamble as accept this Agreement in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement.
2. The Commission may, by a two-thirds majority of its Members, admit to membership such other States, situated in the Region that are

Members of the United Nations, any of its Specialized Agencies or the International Atomic Energy Agency as have submitted an application for membership of the Commission and a declaration made in a formal instrument that they accept this Agreement as in force at the time of admission.

ARTICLE II

Obligations of Members Regarding National Policies and International Cooperation for the Control of the Desert Locust

1. Members undertake to maintain through the Secretary of the Commission a regular exchange of information on the current locust situation and the progress of control campaigns within their countries, and also to transmit such information regularly to the FAO Desert Locust Information Service in Rome.

2. Members undertake to carry out all possible measures to control plagues of the Desert Locust within their countries and to reduce crop damage by adopting the following procedures:
 - (a) maintaining a permanent locust reporting and control service;
 - (b) holding reserves of insecticides and application equipment;
 - (c) encouraging and supporting such training, survey and research work, including where appropriate the maintenance of national research stations for the study of the Desert Locust, as may be considered desirable by the Commission and as are compatible with the resources of the country;
 - (d) participating in the implementation of any common policy of locust or prevention which may be approved by the Commission;
 - (e) facilitating the storage of any items of anti-locust equipment and insecticides held by the Commission and permitting the duty-free import or export without hindrance of such goods and equipment as well as the free movement within the country of such goods and equipment;

- (f) providing the Commission with any information it may request to carry out its functions effectively.

3. Members undertake to submit to the Commission periodic reports on the action taken to fulfill the obligations specified in paragraphs 1 and 2 above.

ARTICLE III

Seat of the Commission

1. The seat of the Commission shall be determined by the Commission.
2. Sessions of the Commission shall normally be held at its seat. Sessions may, however, be convened elsewhere in consultation with the Director-General of the Organization, in pursuance of a decision of the Commission at a previous session, or in exceptional circumstances, of a decision by the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE IV

Functions of the Commission

The following shall be the functions of the Commission:

1. Joint Action and Assistance

The Commission shall:

- (a) plan and promote joint action for the survey and control of the Desert Locust in the Region wherever required and, to this effect, arrange means whereby adequate resources can be made available;
- (b) assist and promote, in any manner which it considers appropriate, any national, regional or international action relating to the control or survey of the Desert Locust;
- (c) determine, in consultation with the Members concerned, the nature and extent of assistance needed by such Members for

implementing their national programmes and for supporting regional programmes;

- (d) assist, at the request of any Member whose territory is faced with Desert Locust situations beyond the capacity of this national services to control and survey, in any measures jointly agreed to that may become necessary;
- (e) maintain at strategic localities determined by the Commission, in consultation with the Members concerned, reserves of anti-locust equipment, insecticides and other supplies, to be used in cases of emergency in accordance with decisions of the Executive Committee including supplementing of the national resources of any Member.

2. Information and Co-ordination

The Commission shall:

- (a) ensure that all Members are provided with current information in regard to Desert Locust infestations, and collect and disseminate information on experience gained, research conducted and programmes adopted on the national, regional and international levels in connection with the control of the Desert Locust;
- (b) assist the national research organizations of Members and coordinate research in the Region by arranging visits of research and survey units from Members and by other appropriate means.

3. Cooperation

The Commission may:

- (a) enter into arrangements or agreements, through the Director-General of the Organization, with nations in the Region that are not Members of the Commission, for common action in connection with survey and control of locusts in the Region;
- (b) enter into or encourage arrangements, through the Director-General, with other United Nations specialized agencies or other international organizations concerned, for common action on the study and control of locusts and for the mutual exchange of information on problem concerning locusts.

4. Administrative Matters

The Commission shall:

- (a) consider and approve the report of the executive Committee on the activities of the Commission, the Programmes and Budget of the Commission for the ensuing financial period and the biannual accounts;
- (b) keep the Director-General of the Organization fully informed of its activities and transmit to him the reports and recommendations of the Commission, its accounts, its Program and its Budget for such action by the Council or the Conference of the Organization as may be appropriate;

ARTICLE V

Sessions of the Commission

1. Each Member of the Commission shall be represented at sessions of the Commission by a delegate who may be accompanied by an alternate and by experts and advisers. Alternates, experts and advisers may take part in the proceedings of the Commission but may not vote unless authorized by the delegate to substitute for him.
2. A majority of the Members of the Commission shall constitute a quorum. Each Member shall have one vote. Decisions of the Commission shall be taken by a majority of the votes cast except as otherwise provided for in this Agreement.
3. A Member which is in arrears in the payment of its financial contributions to the Commission shall have no vote if the amount of its arrears equals or exceeds the amount of the contributions due from it for the two preceding financial years.
4. The Commission shall elect, at the beginning of each regular session, a Chairman and a Vice-Chairman from amongst the delegates. These officers shall hold office until the beginning of the next regular session and shall be eligible for re-election.

5. The Director-General of the Organization in consultation with the Chairman of the Commission shall convene a regular session of the Commission at least once every two years. Special Sessions may be convened by the Director-General in consultation with the Chairman of the Commission, if so requested by the Commission in regular sessions or by at least one-third of the members during intervals between regular sessions.

6. The Director-General of the Organization or a representative designated by him shall have the right to participate without vote in all meetings of the Commission and of the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE VI

Special Emergencies

When situations envisaged in paragraph 1(d) of Article IV require urgent action during intervals between sessions of the Commission, the Chairman may propose required measures to the Commission's members by correspondence or by other rapid means of communication for a postal vote.

ARTICLE VII

Observers and Consultants

1. Participation of international organizations in the work of the Commission and the relations between the Commission and such organizations shall be governed by the relevant provisions of the Constitution and the General Rules of the Organization as well as by the rules on relations with international organizations adopted by the Conference or Council of the Organization.

2. Member Nations and Associate Members of the Organization that are not Members of the Commission may, upon their request, be represented by an observer at sessions of the Commission.

3. States which, while not Members of the Commission, nor Members or Associate Members of the Organization, are Members of the United Nations, any of its Specialized Agencies or the International Atomic Energy Agency may, upon request and subject to the concurrence of the Executive Committee and to the provisions relating

to the granting of observer status to nations adopted by the Conference of the Organization, be invited to attend sessions of the Commission in an observer capacity.

4. The Commission may invite consultants or experts to attend its sessions. The Executive Committee may also invite consultants to attend its sessions or those of the Commission.

ARTICLE VIII

Secretariat

The Director-General of the Organization shall provide the Secretary and staff of the Commission, who, for administrative purposes, shall be responsible to him. They shall be appointed under the same terms and condition as the staff of the Organization.

ARTICLE IX

The Executive Committee

1. There shall be an Executive Committee composed of seven Members of the Commission, elected by the Commission at each of its regular sessions. Members of the Executive Committee shall be eligible for re-election. The representative of each Member of the Executive Committee should preferably be a locust specialist. The Chairman of the Executive Committee shall be elected by the Commission from amongst the representative of Members of the Committee. He shall hold office until the next regular session of the Commission and shall be eligible for re-election.

2. The Executive Committee shall meet at least once between any two successive regular sessions of the Commission. The Chairman of the Executive Committee shall, in consultation with the Chairman of the Commission and the Director-General of the Organization, convene sessions of the Committee.

3. The Secretary of the Commission shall act as Secretary of the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE X

Functions of the Executive Committee

1. The Executive Committee shall:
 - (a) make proposals to the Commission concerning policy matters and the programme of activities;
 - (b) ensure the implementation of the policies and programmes approved by the Commission;
 - (c) submit draft programmes of work and budget and annual accounts to the Commission;
 - (d) prepare the draft annual report on the activities of the Commission for the approval of the Commission and for transmission to the Director-General of the Organization;
 - (e) carry out such other functions as the Commission may delegate to it.

ARTICLE XI

Rules of Procedure

The Commission may, by a two-thirds majority of its membership, adopt and amend its own Rules of Procedure which shall not be inconsistent with this Agreement or with the Constitution of FAO. The Rules of Procedure of the Commission and any amendments thereto shall come into force (upon approval by the Director-General of the Organization, and) as from the date of their adoption.

ARTICLE XII

Finance

1. Each Member of the Commission undertakes to contribute annually its share of the Budget in accordance with a scale of contributions to be adopted by a two-thirds majority of the membership of the Commission. Contributions by Members shall be made in cash.
2. The Commission may also accept contributions and donations from other sources.

3. Contributions shall be payable in currencies to be determined by the Commission after consultation with each Member and with the concurrence of the Director-General of the Organization.

4. All contributions and donations and other forms of assistance received shall be placed in a Trust or special Fund administered by the Director-General of the Organization in conformity with the Financial Regulations of the Organization. FAO should assist the Commission in utilizing funds or donations that could not be deposited in its trust or special Fund.

ARTICLE XIII

Expenses

1. The expenses of the Commission shall be paid out of its budget except those relating to such staff and facilities which may be made available by the Organization. The expenses to be borne by the Organization shall be determined and paid within the limits of an annual budget prepared by the Director-General and approved by the Conference of the Organization in accordance with the Constitution, General Rules and the Financial Regulations of the Organization.

2. Expenses incurred by delegates of Members of the Commission and of their alternates and advisers, when attending sessions of the Commission, as well as the expenses incurred by observers, shall be borne by the respective governments or organizations. Expenses incurred by the representative of each Member of the Executive Committee when attending sessions of the Executive Committee shall be borne by the Commission.

3. Expenses of consultants or experts invited to attend sessions or participate in the work of the Commission or the Executive Committee shall be borne by the Commission.

4. The Expenses of the Secretariat shall be borne by the Organization.

ARTICLE XIV

Amendments

1. This Agreement may be amended by a two-thirds majority of the membership of the Commission.
2. Proposals for amendments may be made by any Member of the Commission or by the Director-General of the Organization. Proposals made by a Member of the Commission shall be addressed to both the Chairman of the Commission and the Director-General of the Organization and those made by the Director-General of the Organization shall be addressed to the Chairman of the Commission, not later than 120 days before the Session of the Commission at which the proposal is to be considered. The Director-General shall immediately inform all Members of the Commission of all proposals for amendments.
3. Any amendment to this Agreement shall require the approval of the Council of the Organization unless the Council considers it desirable to refer the amendment to the Conference of the Organization for approval.
4. Amendments not involving new obligations for Members of the Commission shall take effect from the date of the approval by the Council or Conference of the Organization, as appropriate.
5. Amendments involving new obligations for Members of the Commission shall, after approval by the Conference or Council of the Organization, come into force in respect of each Member only upon acceptance by it. The instruments of acceptance of amendments involving new obligations shall be deposited with the Director-General of the Organization. The Director-General shall inform all Members of the Commission and the Secretary-General of the United Nations of such acceptance. The rights and obligations of any Member of the Commission that has not accepted an amendment involving new obligations shall continue to be governed by the provisions of the Agreement in force prior to the amendment.
6. The Director-General of the Organization shall inform all Members of the Commission, all Members and Associate Members of the Organization and the Secretary-General of the United Nations of the entry in force of any amendment.

ARTICLE XV

Acceptance

1. Acceptance of this Agreement by any Member or Associate Member of the Organization shall be effected by the deposit of an instrument of acceptance with the Director-General of the Organization and shall take effect on receipt of such instrument by the Director-General.
2. Acceptance of this Agreement by non-Member Nations of the Organization shall become effective on the date on which the Commission approves the application for membership in conformity with the provisions of Article 1 of this Agreement.
3. The Director General of the Organization shall inform all Members of the Commission, all Members and Associate Members of the Organization and the Secretary-General of the United Nations of all acceptances that have become effective.
4. Acceptance of this Agreement may be made subject to reservations which shall become effective only upon unanimous approval by the Members of the Commission. The Director-General of the Organization shall notify forthwith all Members of the Commission of any reservations. Members of the Commission not having replied within three months from the date of the notification shall be deemed to have accepted the reservation. Failing such approval, the nation making the reservation shall not become a party to this Agreement.

ARTICLE XVI

Territorial Application

The Members of the Commission shall, when accepting this Agreement, state explicitly to which territories their participation shall extend. In the absence of such a declaration, participation shall be deemed to apply to all the territories for the international relations of which the Member is responsible. Subject to the provisions of Article XVII.2, the scope of the territorial application may be modified by a subsequent declaration.

ARTICLE XVII

Interpretation and Settlement of Disputes

Any disputes regarding the interpretation or application of this Agreement, if not settled by the Commission shall be referred to a Committee composed of one member appointed by each of the parties to the dispute, and in addition an independent chairman chosen by the members of the Committee. The recommendations of such a Committee, while not binding in character, shall become the basis for renewed consideration by the parties concerned of the matter out of which the disagreement arose. If as the result of this procedure the dispute is not settled, it shall be referred to the International Court of Justice in accordance with the Statute of the Court, unless the parties to the dispute agree to another method of settlement.

ARTICLE XVIII

Withdrawal

1. Any Member may withdraw from the Commission at any time after the expiration of one year from the date on which its acceptance took effect or from the date on which the Agreement entered into force, whichever is the later, by giving written notice of withdrawal to both the Chairman of the Commission and the Director-General of the Organization. The Director-General shall forthwith inform all Members of the Commission, all Member Nations and Associate Members of the Organization and the Secretary-General of the United Nations of the receipt of any notice of withdrawal. The withdrawal shall become effective one year from the date of receipt by the Director-General of the Organization of the notification of withdrawal.

2. A Member of the Commission may give notice of withdrawal with respect to one or more of the territories for the international relations of which it is responsible. When a Member gives notice of its own withdrawal from the Commission, it shall state to which territory or territories the withdrawal is to apply. In the absence of such a declaration, the withdrawal shall be deemed to apply to all the territories for the international relations of which the Members of the Commission is responsible, except that such withdrawal shall not be deemed to apply to an Associate Member.

3. Any Member of the Commission that gives notice of withdrawal from the Organization shall be deemed to have simultaneously withdrawn from the Commission, and this withdrawal shall be deemed to apply to all the territories for the international relations of which the Member concerned is responsible, except that such withdrawal shall not be deemed to apply to an Associate Member.

ARTICLE XIX

Termination

1. This Agreement shall be considered terminated if and when the number of Members of the Commission falls below three, unless the remaining two Members of the Commission decide to continue, with the approval of the Conference of the Organization. The Director-General of the Organization shall inform all Members of the Commission, all Members and Associate Members of the Organization and the Secretary-General of the United Nations of such termination.

2. On termination of the Agreement all assets of the Commission shall be liquidated by the Director-General of the Organization and after settlement of the liabilities the balance shall be distributed proportionately amongst Members on the basis of the scale of contributions in force at the time. Nations whose contributions are in arrears for two consecutive years shall not be entitled to a share of the assets.

ARTICLE XX

Entry into Force

1. This Agreement shall enter into force as soon as three eligible Members or Associate Members of the Organization have become parties to it by the deposit of an instrument of acceptance in accordance with the provisions of Article XV of this Agreement.

2. The Director-General shall notify all Nations having deposited instruments of acceptance as well as all Member Nations and Associate Members of the Organization and the Secretary-General of the United Nations of the date on which this Agreement comes into force.

ARTICLE XXI

Authentic Languages

The Arabic, English, French and Spanish texts of this Agreement shall be equally authentic.

**RULES OF PROCEDURE OF THE
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(As adopted by the Commission at its 20th Session in Cairo, in December 1994, and approved by the Director-General on 25 January 1996).

Rule 1

Definitions

For the purpose of these rules, the following definitions apply:

Agreement: The Agreement for the establishment of a Commission for Controlling the Desert Locust in the Central Region approved by the FAO Council at its Forty-fourth Session in July 1965 and amended by the same Council at its Hundred-and-Eighth Session in June 1995. As further amended by the Commission at its 24th Session (17-21 April 2004) and approved at the 128th Session of the FAO Council (20/06/2005).

Commission: the Commission for Controlling the Desert Locust in the Central Region.

Executive Committee: the Committee provided for in Article IX of the Agreement.

Delegate: the representative of a Member as specified in Article V-1 of the Agreement.

Member: Member Nations and Associate Members of FAO and non-Member Nations of FAO as may be Members of the Commission.

Secretary: the Secretary of the Commission and of the Executive Committee.

Organization: the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)

Conference: the Conference of the Organization.

Council: the Council of the Organization.

Director-General: the Director-General of the Organization.

Observer nation, associate member or regional organization: A nation that is not a Member of the Commission or of the Organization, a regional organization invited to attend a session of the Commission, or a Member or Associate Member of the Organization attending a session of the Commission while not being a Member of the Commission.

Observer: the representative of an observer nation or regional organization.

Rule II

Sessions of the Commission

1. The regular sessions of the Commission shall be held at least once every two years. They shall be convened by the Director-General in consultation with the Chairman of the Commission.
2. In pursuance of Article V-5 of the Agreement, the Director-General shall after consultation with the Chairman of the Commission, convene the Commission to meet in special session at such time as he may designate, if so requested by the Commission in regular sessions or by at least one-third of the Members during intervals between regular sessions.
3. In accordance with Article III-2, sessions of the Commission shall normally be held at its seat. Sessions may, however, be convened elsewhere in pursuance of a decision taken, in consultation with the Director-General, either by the Commission at a previous session or, in exceptional circumstances, by the Executive Committee.
4. In the case a session of the Commission should be held in a place which is not the seat of the Commission, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXXIII-4 of the General Rules of the Organization, before convening the session the Director-General should be assured that the Government hosting the session is willing to grant to all delegates, representatives, experts, observers and members of the Secretariat of the Organization and other persons entitled to attend such session, the privileges and immunities that are necessary for the independent exercise of their functions in connection with the session.

5. Invitations to a regular Session of the Commission shall be prepared by the Secretary and issued by the Director-General not less than 60 days in advance of the date fixed for the opening of the session. Invitations to special sessions shall be issued not less than 30 days in advance of the date fixed for the opening of the session.

Rule III

Credentials

At each session the Secretary shall receive the credentials of delegations and observers. Such credentials shall conform to the standard form set by the Secretariat. Upon examination thereof, the Secretariat shall report to the Commission for the necessary action.

Rule IV

Agenda

1. Provisional agenda for each regular session of the Commission shall be drawn up by the Secretary and send by the Director-General to the Members as well as to the observer nations or associate members and regional organizations not less than sixty days before the date of the session together with the invitation for the session and the reports and documents available in connection with the session.

2. The agenda of each regular session shall include:

- a) election of the Chairman and of the Vice-chairman as provided for under Article V.4 of the Agreement;
- b) adoption of the agenda;
- c) report of the Executive Committee on the activities of the Commission;
- d) report by the Secretary on the annual accounts of the Commission and all the activities of the Secretariat;
- e) consideration of the proposed Programme and Budget of the Commission for the ensuing financial period;
- f) proposals for amendments to the Agreement and the present Rules of Procedure if and when applicable;

- g) applications for membership in accordance with Article 1.2 of the Agreement if and when applicable;
 - h) items referred to the Commission, by the Conference, the Council or the Director-General .
3. The agenda shall also include, upon approval by the Commission:
- a) items approved at the previous session;
 - b) items proposed by the Executive Committee;
 - c) items proposed by a Member.
4. The agenda of a Special session shall consist only of items relating to the purpose for which the session was called for.

Rule V

The Secretariat

1. The Secretariat shall consist of a Secretary and such staff under his/her responsibility as may be determined by the Director-General.
2. The Secretary shall be responsible for implementing the policies and activities of the Commission and shall report thereon to the Commission. In the exercise of his functions, the Secretary will have direct relations with all Governments as well as with FAO Secretariat at all levels.
3. The duties of the Secretary shall include:
- a) communication of information received from Members on the current locust situation and the progress of controlled campaign within their countries;
 - b) receipt, collection and circulation of documents, reports, papers and resolutions of the sessions of the Commission and the Executive Committee;
 - c) record of the proceedings;

- d) keeping record of expenditures and financial commitments mad in the implementation of the Budget of the Commission;
 - e) performance of such other duties as the Commission or the Executive Committee may assign.
4. Copies of all communications concerning the affairs of the Commission shall be sent to the Secretary for purposes of information and record.

Rule VI

Plenary Meetings of the Commission

Plenary meetings of the Commission shall be held in public unless otherwise decided by the Commission. When the Commission decides to hold a private meting, it shall at the same time determine the scope of such a decision with respect to observers.

Rule VII

Election of Chairman and Vice-Chairman

1. Pursuant to Article V-4 of the Agreement the Commission shall, at the beginning of each regular session, elect its Chairman and its Vice-Chairman, who shall hold office immediatly and until their successors are elected at the beginning of the next regular session.
2. Nominees must be delegates or alternates. They shall be eligible for re-appointment.

Rule VIII

Functions of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman

1. The Chairman shall exercise the functions conferred on him elsewhere in these rules and in particular shall:
 - a) declare the opening and closing of each plenary meeting of the Commission;
 - b) direct the discussions at such meetings and ensure observance of these rules, accord the right to speak, put questions and announce decisions;
 - c) rule on points of order;

- d) subject to these Rules, have complete control over the proceedings of the session.
2. In the absence of the Chairman or at his request, his functions shall be exercised by the Vice-Chairman.
3. The Chairman or the Vice-Chairman when acting as Chairman has a right to vote. In case of equal votes cast, the Chairman's vote shall prevail.
4. In the interval between two sessions of the Commission, the Chairman shall exercise the functions assigned to him by Articles V-5 and VI of the Agreement as well as any function entrusted to him by the Commission. In accordance with Article VI of the Agreement, when situations envisaged in paragraph 1(d) of Article IV of the Agreement require urgent action, the Chairman may propose the required measures to the Members of the Commission by correspondence or by other rapid means of communication for a postal vote.

Rule IX

Voting Arrangements and Proceedings

1. Except as provided for in paragraph 4 of this Rule, voting in plenary meetings shall be oral or by show of hands except that a vote by roll call shall be taken if a special majority is required by the Agreement or by these Rules or if a request for vote by roll call is made by any delegation.
2. A vote by roll call shall be conducted by calling upon delegations in the Arabic alphabetical order.
3. A record of any roll call vote shall show the votes cast by each delegate and any abstention.
4. Unless the Commission decides otherwise, voting on matters relating to individuals, including the election of officers of the Commission and the Executive Committee, shall be by secret ballot.
5. When no nominee for an office obtains on the first ballot a majority of the votes cast, there shall be taken a second ballot confined to the two candidates obtaining the largest number of votes. If the votes are equally divided on the second ballot, the Chairman shall decide between the candidates by drawing lots.

6. If the Commission or the Executive Committee is equally divided when a vote is taken on a question other than election, a second vote shall be taken at the next meetings of the current session. If the Commission or the Executive Committee is then again equally divided, the proposal shall be regarded as rejected.
7. Voting arrangements and other related matters not specifically provided for by the Agreement or by these Rules shall be governed mutatis mutandis by the provisions of the General Rules of the Organization.

Rule X

The Executive Committee

1. Pursuant to Article IX.I of the Agreement, the Executive Committee shall consist of seven Members of the Commission elected by the Commission at each of its regular sessions. Members of the Executive Committee shall be eligible for re-election. The representative of each Member of the Executive Committee should preferably be a Locust Specialist.
2. Unless the Commission decides differently by unanimous vote, voting for the election of the members of the Executive Committee shall be by secret ballot. The seven candidates having obtained the highest number of votes will be considered as elected. In case of equal number of votes, there shall be new ballots confined to the candidates obtaining the same number of votes until seven candidates can be considered as elected.
3. The Executive Committee shall meet at least once a year.
4. The Chairman of the Executive Committee shall be elected by the Executive Committee from among the representatives of its Members. He shall hold office until the next regular session of the Executive Committee and shall be eligible for re-election. The Chairman of the Commission may be elected as Chairman of the Executive Committee and hold the two offices at the same time.
5. The Chairman of the Executive Committee shall have, during the Executive Committee meetings, the same powers and duties as the Chairman of the Commission has in relation to meetings of the Commission itself.

6. As provided for in Article IX.2 of the Agreement, the Chairman of the Executive Committee shall, in consultation with the Chairman of the Commission and the Director-General, convene sessions of the Executive Committee. In the interval between two sessions of the Executive Committee he will also exercise any function entrusted to him by the Committee.

7. The Secretary of the Commission shall be the Secretary of the Executive Committee.

8. Pursuant to Article X of the Agreement, the Executive Committee shall:

- a) make proposals to the Commission concerning policy matters and the programme of activities;
- b) ensure the implementation of the policies and programmes approved by the Commission;
- c) submit draft programmes of work and budget and annual accounts to the Commission;
- d) prepare the draft annual report on the activities of the Commission for the approval of the Commission and for transmission to the Director-General of the Organization;
- e) carry out such other functions as the Commission may delegate to it.

9. The Executive Committee may establish working groups as it considers desirable.

10. The procedures of the Executive Committee and working groups shall be governed mutatis mutandis by the rules of procedure of the Commission.

11. A majority of the Members of the Executive Committee shall constitute a quorum.

12. Decisions of the Executive Committee shall be taken by the majority of the votes cast; each member of the Committee shall have one vote.

13. Votes cast means votes “in favour” and “against”.

14. Meetings of the Executive Committee shall be held in private unless otherwise determined by the Commission.

Rule XI

Budget and Finance

1. Except as otherwise provided in these Rules, the Financial Regulations of the Organization, as amplified by the Administrative Manual of the Organization and procedures based thereon, shall apply to the con.

2. As provided for in Article XII-4 of the Agreement, all contributions and donations and other forms of assistance received shall be placed in a Trust or a Special Fund administered by the Director-General in conformity with the Financial Regulations of the Organization. FAO Secretariat shall provide assistance in utilizing funds and donations granted to the Commission but which cannot be deposited in its Trust or Special Fund.

3. As provided for in Article XIII-1 of the Agreement, the expenses of the Commission are paid out of its budget except those relating to the Secretariat and required facilities which may be made available by the Organization.

4. The expenses of the Commission to be borne by the Organization are determined and paid within the limits of an annual budget prepared by the Director-General and by the Conference of the Organization in accordance with the Constitution, the General Rules and Financial Regulations of the Organization.

5. The draft budget of the Commission, prepared by the Secretariat, is submitted to the Commission by the Executive Committee, in accordance with Article X(c) of the Agreement. After approval by the Commission in accordance with Article IV-4(a), the budget of the Commission is transmitted to the Director-General for action by the

Council or the Conference of the Organization, as may be appropriate, in accordance with Article IV-4(b) of the Agreement.

6. Such budget will consist, inter alia, of the expenses of publications and communications, the proposed traveling expenses of the Secretary, the Chairman and the Vice-Chairman when engaged in the work of the Commission between its sessions as well as the expenses incurred by the representatives of each member of the Executive Committee when attending sessions of the Executive Committee and those of consultants or experts invited to attend sessions or participate in the work of the Commission or the Executive Committee. The budget will also include other expenditures as recommended by the Commission.

Rule XII

Participation by Observers

1. As provided for in Article V-6 of the Agreement, the Director-General or a representative designated by him, shall have the right to participate without vote in all meetings of the Commission and of the Executive Committee.

2. Participation of regional organization in the work of the Commission and the relations between the Commission and such organizations shall be governed by the relevant provisions of the Constitution and the General Rules of the Organization, as well as by the Rules on the relations with international regional organizations adopted by the Conference or the Council.

3. Members and Associate Members of the Organization that are not Members of the Commission may, upon their request, be represented by an observer at sessions of the Commission.

4. States that are not Members of the Commission, nor Members or Associate Members of the Organization, but that are Members of the United Nations, any of its Specialized Agencies or the International Atomic Energy Agency, may, upon request and subject to the concurrence of the Executive Committee and to the provisions relating to the granting of observer status to nations adopted by the Conference, be invited to attend sessions of the Commission in an observer capacity.

5. Unless the Commission expressly determines otherwise, observers may attend the plenary meetings of the Commission and participate in the discussions. In no case will they be entitled to vote.

6. The Commission may invite consultants or experts to attend its sessions or participate in its work. The Executive Committee may also invite consultants or experts to attend its sessions or those of the Commission and to participate in its work.

Rule XIII

Records, Reports and Recommendations

1. Records shall be made of each plenary meeting of the Commission and of the Executive Committee and shall be distributed as soon as possible to the delegates and observers. The Executive Committee shall prepare annually a report on the activities of the Commission.

2. A summary shall be prepared of the proceeding of each session of the Commission and shall be published together with such reports, technical papers and other documents, as the Commission may wish to publish.

3. At each session the Commission shall approve a report embodying its views and recommendations, including, when requested a statement of minority views.

4. At the closure of each session, the reports, conclusions and recommendations of the Commission shall be transmitted to the Director-General, who shall circulate them to the Members of the Commission, FAO Members and Associate Members as well as other states and international regional organizations that were represented at the session.

5. Recommendations having policy, programme or financial implications for the Organization shall be brought by the Director-General to the attention of the Conference through the Council for action.

6. Subject to the provisions of the preceding paragraph the Chairman may request the Members of the Commission to supply the Commission

or the Director-General with information on action taken on the basis of recommendations made by the Commission.

Rule XIV

Amendments to the Agreement

1. As provided for in Article XIV-2 of the Agreement, proposals for the amendment of the agreement may be made by any Member of the Commission or by the Director-General. Proposals made by a Member of the Commission shall be addressed to both the Chairman of the Commission and the Director-General and those made by the Director-General shall be addressed to the Chairman of the Commission, not later than 120 days before the session of the Commission at which the proposal is to be considered. The Director-General shall immediately inform all Members of the Commission of all proposals for amendment.
2. No action on a proposal of amendment to the Agreement shall be taken by the Commission at any session unless it has been included in the provisional Agenda of the session.

Rule XV

Amendment of Rules

1. Amendments or additions to these Rules may be adopted on the motion of any delegation by a two-thirds majority of the Members of the Commission at any plenary meeting of the Commission provided an announcement is made at the plenary meeting and copies of the proposals for amendment or addition have been distributed to the delegations not less than 24 hours before the meeting at which action is to be taken.
2. The Executive Committee may propose amendments and additions to these Rules and such proposals may be considered at the next session of the Commission.
3. Any amendment to Rule XIV, which may be adopted in accordance with the provisions of paragraph 2 of this present Rule, shall not become effective until the next session of the Commission.

Rule XVI

Official languages

4. The official languages of the Commission shall be Arabic and English. Arabic and English will also be the working languages of the Commission.

AGREEMENT FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A COMMISSION FOR CONTROLLING THE DESERT LOCUST IN THE CENTRAL REGION

Date of Adoption	02/07/1965
Place of Adoption	Rome - Italy
Date of entry into Force	21/02/1967
Date of amendments	22/10/1976, 15/06/1995 and 20-24/06/2005

The following participants deposited their instruments of acceptance on the date indicated:

Participant	Acceptance
Bahrain	24 February 1969
Djibouti	20 July 2001
Egypt	06 July 1967
Eritrea	24 June 2005
Ethiopia	13 January 2004
Iraq	09 January 1970
Jordan	14 November 1966
Kuwait	10 August 1967
Lebanon	22 August 1966
Oman	09 October 1972
Qatar	31 December 1968
Saudi Arabia	17 October 1972
Sudan	21 February 1967
Syrian Arab Republic	03 December 1968
United Arab Emirates	31 May 1974
Yemen	20 March 1969

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Status of Contributions as at 31 December 2008
(expressed in US\$)

ORACLE Account TF - AGPDD - TFAA97AA89159

Member Governments	Outstanding 12/31/2007	Contribution due for 2008/2009*	Received up to 12/31/2008	Outstanding 12/31/2008
BAHRAIN	0.00	8,750.00	8,750.00	0.00
DJIBUTI	6,600.00	1,100.00		7,700.00
EGYPT	32,540.00	32,540.00		65,080.00
ETHIOPIA	16,013.09	8,000.00		24,013.09
ERITREA	4,007.11	4,000.00	8,007.11	0.00
IRAQ	57,500.00	28,750.00		86,250.00
JORDAN	92,400.12	14,357.50		106,757.62
KUWAIT	0.00	25,000.00	25,000.00	0.00
LEBANON	11,269.42	11,212.50		22,481.92
OMAN	20,031.77	10,000.00	20,000.00	10,031.77
QATAR	12,556.04	12,500.00	25,000.00	56.04
SAUDI ARABIA, Kingdom of	0.00	44,035.00	44,035.00	0.00
SUDAN	197,738.79	18,667.50		216,406.29
SYRIAN ARAB REPUBLIC	33,229.13	16,687.50	16,688.00	33,228.63
UNITED ARAB EMIRATES	26,270.00	26,250.00		52,520.00
YEMEN	3,649.41	5,000.00		8,649.41
Totals	513,804.88	266,850.00	147,480.11	633,174.77

* Fiscal year begins in July

Qatar paid USD 12,500 in March 2008 and USD 12,500 in June 2008

Oman paid USD 10,000 in Feb 2008 and USD 10,000 in June 2008