

**UNITED NATIONS EDUCATIONAL, SCIENTIFIC  
AND CULTURAL ORGANIZATION  
and  
INTERNATIONAL RELIEF UNION**

**Agreement on the transfer to the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization of certain responsibilities and of the assets of the International Relief Union. Signed at Rome on 18 December 1968 and Paris on 24 December 1968**

*Authentic texts: English and French.*

*Filed and recorded at the request of United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization on 28 January 1969.*

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**ORGANISATION DES NATIONS UNIES  
POUR L'ÉDUCATION, LA SCIENCE ET LA CULTURE  
et  
UNION INTERNATIONALE DE SECOURS**

**Accord portant transfert à l'Organisation des Nations Unies pour l'éducation, la science et la culture de certaines responsabilités et des biens de l'Union internationale de secours. Signé à Rome le 18 décembre 1968 et à Paris le 24 décembre 1968**

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*Classé et inscrit au répertoire à la demande de l'Organisation des Nations Unies pour l'éducation, la science et la culture le 28 janvier 1969.*

# AGREEMENT<sup>1</sup> BETWEEN THE UNITED NATIONS EDUCATIONAL, SCIENTIFIC AND CULTURAL ORGANIZATION AND THE INTERNATIONAL RELIEF UNION

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In view of the Convention of 12 July 1927<sup>2</sup> instituting an International Relief Union,

In view of the Constitution creating a United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization,<sup>3</sup>

CONSIDERING that the International Relief Union is desirous of ensuring the continuation of its work, particularly the important and original work which it has been carrying on for almost thirty years in regard to the scientific study of natural disasters and of the means of protection against them,

CONSIDERING that, during the last few years, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization has been doing important work in connexion with these matters,

TAKING ACCOUNT of resolution No. 1268 (XLIII), adopted on 4 August 1967<sup>4</sup> by the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations, recommending that Unesco, in conformity with its Constitution (a) take over from the International Relief Union responsibility for the scientific study of natural disasters in fields within its competence, (b) arrange for the continuation of the relevant activities of the Union, and (c) work out, in agreement with the Union, arrangements for the transfer to Unesco of the assets of the Union,

AWARE of the economic, social and human importance attached to the efforts made to mobilize the resources of science and technology with a view to securing for the peoples of the world better protection against natural disasters,

The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (hereinafter referred to as Unesco), represented by its Director-General, and the International Relief Union (hereinafter referred to as the Union), represented by the President of its Executive Committee, have agreed as follows:

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<sup>1</sup> Came into force on 24 December 1968, the date of signature, after having been approved by the General Conference of UNESCO (at the thirty-eighth plenary meeting of its fifteenth session, by resolution 15) and the Executive Committee of the International Relief Union (which met at Geneva on 16 July 1968), in accordance with article V.

<sup>2</sup> League of Nations, *Treaty Series*, Vol. CXXXV, p. 247.

<sup>3</sup> United Nations, *Treaty Series*, Vol. 4, p. 275.

<sup>4</sup> United Nations, *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Forty-third Session, Supplement No. 1*, p. 20.

### *Article I*

The Union shall, as from the date of entry into force of this Agreement, cease those of its activities in connexion with the scientific study of natural disasters and of the means of protection against them which are taken over by Unesco by virtue of the present agreement.

### *Article II*

1. Within the framework of the functions assigned to it by its Constitution and within the limits of the available resources, Unesco shall continue the work of the Union in connexion with the scientific study of natural disasters and of the means of protection against them, in the fields within its competence.

2. Unesco reserves the right to undertake, as may be required, scientific studies of natural disasters, in collaboration with one or more of the other organizations of the United Nations system in the event of their being mutually concerned.

### *Article III*

The Union assigns and transfers to Unesco, which accepts them, its stock of publications, the material in its documentation service and its archival documents relating to the scientific study of natural disasters, as well as the sums remaining at its disposal at the time of liquidation. An inventory of all the assets transferred shall be drawn up separately.

### *Article IV*

The Director-General of Unesco and the President of the Executive Committee of the Union shall take all the necessary measures for the implementation of the present Agreement.

### *Article V*

The present Agreement shall enter into force on the date of its signature, subject to the previous approval of the General Conference of Unesco and of the Executive Committee of the Union.

DONE at Paris, in two copies, in English and French, both texts being equally authentic.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned representatives, being duly authorized, have signed the present Agreement.

For the Union:  
Giuseppe Talamo Atenolfi BRANCACCIO  
Rome, 18.XII.1968

For Unesco:  
René MAHEU  
Paris, 24 Décembre 1968

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