

AGREEMENT BETWEEN
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF TUNISIA
AND
THE WORLD ORGANISATION FOR ANIMAL HEALTH (OIE)
CONCERNING THE ESTABLISHMENT IN TUNIS
OF THE OIE SUB-REGIONAL REPRESENTATION FOR NORTH AFRICA

The Government of the Republic of Tunisia, hereinafter referred to as 'the Government', and the World Organisation for Animal Health, hereinafter referred to as 'the OIE',

Considering the International Agreement signed in Paris on 25 January 1924, creating the OIE,

Considering the establishment in Paris of the headquarters of the OIE by virtue of the Headquarters Agreement signed with the Government of the Republic of France on 21 February 1977,

In view of Resolution No. XVI of 23 May 2003 entitled 'Use of a common name for the Office International des Epizooties',

Wishing to settle by the present Agreement questions relating to the establishment in the city of Tunis of the OIE Sub-Regional Representation for North Africa, hereinafter referred to as 'the Sub-Regional Representation',

Have agreed as follows:

Article 1

The Government of the Republic of Tunisia agrees to the establishment in Tunis of the OIE Sub-Regional Representation for North Africa.

Article 2

The Government of the Republic of Tunisia shall place at the disposal of the Sub-Regional Representation premises that include a meeting room for about ten people, and the office furniture and equipment needed to install the Representation.

Article 3

The Government of the Republic of Tunisia shall, where necessary, provide the Sub-Regional Representation with technical support (Tunisian experts and specialists).

Article 4

The Government of the Republic of Tunisia shall, where necessary, place its animal health and welfare expertise at the disposal of the Sub-Regional Representation.

Article 5

The OIE undertakes to provide technical expertise and scientific support for countries covered by the Sub-Regional Representation.

Article 6

The Government of the Republic of Tunisia takes note that the Sub-Regional Representation for North Africa in Tunis will be placed under the direct responsibility of the Director General of the OIE and of the OIE Regional Representative for Africa, based in Bamako, Mali, who is in charge of coordinating activities.

Article 7

1. The Government of the Republic of Tunisia shall grant the Sub-Regional Representation, the Sub-Regional Representative and officials working at the Sub-Regional Representation the same privileges and immunities as those granted to diplomatic missions accredited in Tunisia.

2. Any official granted privileges and immunities is duty bound to respect the laws and regulations of the host country and not to interfere in the internal affairs of the host country.

3. Privileges and immunities are granted to officials in the interests of the Sub-Regional Representation and not for their own personal benefit.

4. The OIE undertakes to suspend the immunity accorded to any beneficiary if such immunity might risk impeding the course of justice and if it can be lifted without prejudice to the interests of the Sub-Regional Representation.

5. The Sub-Regional Representation shall cooperate with the Government administration to avoid impeding the course of justice, to ensure that police regulations are observed and to prevent any misuse of privileges and immunities.

Article 8

Tunisian nationals working at the OIE Sub-Regional Representation, as well as officials of other nationalities residing permanently in Tunisia at the time of their recruitment by the Sub-Regional Representation, shall not enjoy the privileges, benefits, exemptions and immunities granted to the other officials of Sub-Regional Representation.

Article 9

The Government of Tunisia accepts that the position of Sub-Regional Representative may, if the occasion arises, be held by a national of a country other than Tunisia.

Article 10

Any disagreement between the Government of the Republic of Tunisia and the OIE regarding the interpretation or application of the present Agreement shall be submitted to amicable settlement.

Article 11

1. The present Agreement shall apply provisionally from the date on which it is signed by the Contracting Parties.

2. It shall come into force definitively when the OIE Sub-Regional Representation in Tunisia receives notification from Tunisia that the internal ratification procedures have been accomplished.

3. Either Party may terminate the Agreement, subject to at least three months' notice being given through diplomatic channels.

This Agreement is done in two originals, both equally authentic, in Arabic and French.

Done on 13 January 2009

For the Government of the Republic of Tunisia	For the World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE)
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