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**LETTER OF INTERINSTITUTIONAL AGREEMENT ON COOPERATION
BETWEEN
THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL OF BRAZIL
AND THE SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC COUNCIL OF THE NETHERLANDS**

Working Plan

1) Objective

Considering the deep relations between Brazil and the Netherlands, including the volume of bilateral trade, bringing together representatives from the Civil Society of both countries will be extremely valuable. The Economic and Social Development Council and the Social and Economic Council of the Netherlands have been interacting in the International Association of Economic and Social Councils and Similar Institutions - AICESIS.

Aiming to contribute to the progress of their bilateral relationship, an Institutional Agreement on Cooperation was signed, seeking, basically, the debate of relevant themes among the Civil Societies of the Parties and the improvement of social dialogue in each Country. Therefore, the present Working Plan has as main objective to detail and implement the terms for the bilateral partnership, in the intentions of the Interinstitutional Cooperation Agreement.

This Economic and Social Development Council CDES - Proposes:

- Establish Round Tables between the parties, aiming to promote continuous bilateral dialogue. This joint organization will be considered a permanent dialogue forum in the extent of civil society.

- Promote cooperation, exchange of experiences and good practices among business associations, unions, farmers and other civil society organizations from both countries.

2) Methodology

The main objectives of the round tables are: Improve mutual understanding among Parties; Improve and strengthen relations among different sectors of civil society and networks represented in both Organizations; Contribute to joint debate of international relevant themes, particularly, those for developing Countries.

The Roundtable will draw up a summary of the discussion and conclusions. The discussions during the round table will be over prepared and presented reports by each Council. Moreover, during the Roundtable meetings proposal for other cooperation activities, such as the organization of workshops or technical interchanges are welcome.

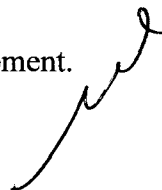
The meetings will be carried out alternately, in Brazil and in the Netherlands. The expenses will be responsibility of the host country. Each Party will be responsible for the displacement of their representatives.

During the first Roundtable Meeting, each of the Organizations will present their structural and operational dynamic. In addition, the meeting's methodology and the thematic agenda of interest for both parties will be detailed.

3) Proposed topics for the discussion agenda:

3.1 Social dialogue as a tool for improving democracy and contributing to effective as well as constructive policy making: Promoting independent and representative civil society organizations.

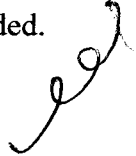
3.2 Energy and sustainable development.



3.3 Infrastructure: ports, logistics, etc.

3.4 Globalization and its effects for Brazil and the Netherlands/Europe
(economic development, trade relations, international corporate social responsibility).

3.5 Other topics to be decided.

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