



INTERNATIONAL CODE OF ETHICS ON CONSULTING SERVICES

RECOGNISING the fundamental role of consulting services in the social and economic development of all countries.

AWARE of the role of consulting services in the creative fashioning of man's environment to the end that they will attribute to the fulfilment of his life, taking into account the diversity of national cultures in meeting aesthetic standards:

DESIRING to strengthen national capabilities in terms of consulting services by promoting the fullest flow of relevant information suited to the specific needs of developing countries in particular.

BELIEVING that it is now timely to set forth a statement of universal policies and principles in a Code of Ethics in order to enhance the creative role of the consulting services towards the establishment of a new international economic order and as a basis for scientific and technical cooperation of all countries:

AFFIRMING the benefits to be derived from a university applicable Code of Ethics to which all professional individual institutions and enterprises concerned should conform.

THE INTERNATIONAL UNION OF ARCHITECTS
HEREBY DECLARES THIS:

INTERNATIONAL CODE OF ETHICS ON CONSULTING SERVICES AS THE COMMON
STANDARD OF CONDUCT FOR ALL PROFESSIONALS PERFORMING CONSULTING
SERVICES IN ALL NATIONS.

Article 1.

(1) In all professional undertaking, it is essential to consider the system of values and culture prevailing in each country, and standards must be determined on a national basis. This is dictated by the consideration that standards which are valid for the most advanced industrial countries may be inappropriate or may entail unwarranted social costs for the developing countries.

(2) There shall be no attempt to impose solutions of one society on other societies.

Article 2. Based on the principle that the responsibility for the development of every country rests primarily upon itself, the local consultant or professional shall have the primary right to interpret the needs of his people, and his vision as to how his country's environment could be built, planned, improved or enhanced shall be entitled to respect.

Article 3. The environment that the professionals are committed to fashion shall be expressive of the genius of the people and reflective of the substance of their culture.

Article 4. As a corollary to the foregoing principles, every consultant from a foreign country, whether his work is a result of a government-to-government agreement or a requirement of the funding institution or a project from the private sector, shall associate and work harmoniously with consultants or professionals of the country where the project is located.



Article 5. To accelerate the transfer of appropriate technology, consultant from developing and developed countries shall, through their interaction, extend to each other in the fullest assistance and access to information.

Article 6. Consulting services shall be performed by individual professionals or consultants possessing the necessary qualifications, education, experience and legal registration and license to practice or by firms whose principles and heads are professionals qualified to perform the required.

Article 7. The consultant's professional qualifications and integrity are his warranty that the best interest of the public and the country where the services are to be performed are served when his services are retained.

Article 8.

(1) The consultant is engaged in a profession which carries with it responsibilities towards his client, the public and his co-professionals, whether such responsibilities are the natural outcome of good citizenship or of his professional pursuit.

(2) These duties and responsibilities cannot be properly discharged unless his motives, conduct sense of moral values and ability are such as to command respect and confidence.

Article 9. Every country has professional regulation laws whose primary function is to legally protect the public. Since there are some variations in these laws between countries this consulting professional shall abide by the government's professional regulation laws and honour the Code of Ethics of the profession in the country where the services are to be performed.

Article 10.

(1) The common objectives of all professional organizations are to establish and promote the highest standards of ethical conduct and excellence in the practice of the professions, to regulate the professional conduct of the members of the professions and to cooperate with their allied professional organizations.

(2) In line with the foregoing objectives, it shall be mandatory upon a professional organization to take appropriate action on any formal complaint for unethical conduct filed against any member of its profession by a co-professional, a client, a professional organization or a government regardless if the residence of the complainant.