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AGREEMENT
BETWEEN
THE GOVERNMENT OF MALTA
AND
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE STATE OF KUWAIT
ON ECONOMIC AND TECHNICAL CO-OPERATION

The Government of Malta and the Government of the State of Kuwait (hereinafter jointly referred to as the "Contracting Parties").

Recognizing that economic and technical co-operation is an essential and indispensable component for the development of bilateral relations on a firm, long-term basis and of mutual interest to both Contracting Parties and their respective peoples;

Being guided by the goals of ensuring a steady economic growth, improvement of standards of living of their citizens and effective utilization of their respective available natural and manpower resources; and

Desiring to promote and further strengthen their bilateral economic and technical co-operation, in the interest of their people;

Taking into account their commitments by virtue of their membership in the World Trade Organization,

Have agreed on the following:

Article 1

The Contracting Parties shall promote, by taking proper measures, further development of economic and technical co-operation between them.

Article 2

The fields of co-operation mentioned in this Agreement include in particular, but are not limited to the encouragement of the following items:

1. Establishing economic, financial, investment, commercial, banking, industrial, agricultural, infrastructure, services, transportation, telecommunication, environment protection, tourism, projects between the Contracting Parties;
2. Exchange of information relating to technical research;
3. Exchange and training of specialists required for specific technical co-operation programmes.

Article 3

The Contracting Parties shall encourage the exchange of visits by economic and technical representatives and delegations between them and the setting up of exhibitions for the consolidation of bilateral economic and technical co-operation.

Article 4

If deemed necessary, the Contracting Parties shall conclude specific Agreements based on this Agreement concerning the fields of co-operation referred to in Article (2) and shall undertake other special projects that may be agreed upon between them.

Article 5

1. With a view to ensuring the implementation of this Agreement, a technical joint sub-commission shall be established composing of representatives from both Contracting Parties and shall meet at the request of either Contracting Party alternately in the capitals of the Contracting Parties. The Ministry of Finance, Economy and Investment of Malta and the Ministry of Finance of the State of Kuwait shall chair the Technical Joint Sub-Commission. Both Contracting Parties shall submit their reports and recommendations to the Joint Commission which will be chaired by the Ministers of Foreign Affairs of both countries in accordance to the Memorandum of Understanding on the Establishment of a Joint Commission for Bilateral Cooperation signed between the two countries on April 13, 2010.

2. The Technical Joint Sub-Commission shall have the authority, inter alia, to consider the following:

(a) Supervising the implementation of this Agreement.

(b) Encouraging and coordinating the economic, technical, investment, financial, developmental, and any other issue agreed upon in the domain of economic co-operation between the Contracting Parties;

(c) Proposing the procedures and mechanisms which aim to develop and promote economic and technical relations in different fields between the two countries;

(d) Following the implementation of recommendations resulting there from;

(e) Setting solutions and proposals for the purpose of removing obstacles which may arise during the implementation or the interpretation of this Agreement and those agreements resulting there from.

Article 6

Any dispute between the Contracting Parties arising out of the interpretation or the implementation of this Agreement shall be settled amicably through consultations or negotiations.

Article 7

This Agreement shall not prejudice the rights and obligations of the Contracting Parties by virtue of their respective membership in, or association with, a free trade area, customs union, common market, regional economic integration organisation, or on the basis of interim agreements leading to such unions or institutions.

Article 8

1. This Agreement shall enter into force on the date of receipt of last notification in which the Contracting Party inform each other in writing through diplomatic channels of the completion of constitutional requirements necessary for the entry into force of this Agreement.
2. This Agreement shall not prejudice the right of either Contracting Party to amend in whole or in part or to terminate this agreement at any time during its period of duration.
3. This Agreement may be amended or revised by mutual consent of the Contracting Parties through an exchange of Notes between the Contracting Parties through diplomatic channels. The amendments shall come into force according to paragraph (1) of Article (8).
4. This Agreement shall remain in force for a period of five (5) years and shall automatically be renewed for similar period or periods, unless either Contracting Party notifies the other in writing through diplomatic channels of its intention to terminate this Agreement at least six (6) months prior to its termination.

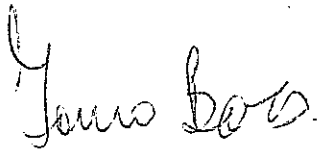
Article 9

The termination of this Agreement shall not affect the validity or the duration of any specific agreements, projects and activities made under this Agreement until the completion of such specific agreements, projects and activities.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the undersigned, being duly authorized thereto by their respective Governments, have signed this Agreement.

Done at Kuwait on the 28th of June 2012, corresponding to the 8th of Shabban of the 1433H, in two originals, in the English and Arabic languages, both texts being equally authoritative.

**For
The Government
of Malta**



**Dr. Tonio Borg
Deputy Prime Minister and
Minister of Foreign Affairs**

**For
The Government of the
State of Kuwait**



**Sabah Khalid Al-Hamad Al-
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Deputy Prime Minister and
Minister of Foreign Affairs and
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Affairs**