# MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

# ON ECONOMIC, TRADE AND TECHNICAL CO-OPERATION

# BETWEEN

# THE GOVERNMENT OF THE KINGDOM OF BAHRAIN

# AND

# THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF TAJIKISTAN

## PREAMBLE

The Government of the Kingdom of Bahrain and the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan hereinafter jointly referred to as the Parties;

DESIRING to strengthen friendly relations and to develop economic, trade and technical co-operation between the two Parties on the basis of equity and mutual benefit,

HAVE come to the following understanding:

## ARTICLE 1

The Parties shall endeavour to develop and strengthen economic, trade and technical co-operation between their countries. The co-operation shall include, but not be limited to the following areas:

a) Trade;
b) Industry;
c) Construction;
d) Agriculture;
e) Transport;
f) Telecommunications;
g) Exploitation of Hydro-carbons;
h) Education;
i) Scientific research;

j) Technology;
k) Tourism;
l) Investment;
m) Financial Services; and
n) Professional Services.

## ARTICLE 2

In order to implement economic, trade and technical co-operation in accordance with this Memorandum of Understanding, the Parties shall encourage relevant companies, firms and individuals to explore the possibilities of executing projects in the areas of co-operation, including the means of financing the projects.

## ARTICLE 3

(1) The Parties shall encourage economic co-operation in order to encourage joint projects in the territories of the Parties.

(2) The Parties shall take all necessary measures for the encouragement of trade and technical co-operation between the relevant companies, firms and individuals of the two countries in particular by exchanging experts, scientists, technicians, students and trainees in relevant fields.

## ARTICLE 4

(1) The Parties shall encourage the participation of companies firms and individuals of the two countries in any international fairs and exhibitions, which may be held in the territories of the Parties.

(2) The Parties shall also support the exchange of visits of commercial delegations, giving their support in accordance with the domestic laws in force in the territories of the Parties.

## ARTICLE 5

Any payments between natural and legal persons of both Parties, resulting from transactions executed on the basis of this Memorandum of Understanding shall be effected in a freely convertible currency.

## ARTICLE 6

The Parties shall, in accordance with the domestic laws in force in their territories, provide all possible facilities for the trans-shipment, re-export and temporary storage of commodities.

## ARTICLE 7

(1) A Joint Economic Committee consisting of representatives of both Parties shall be set up to co-ordinate and promote economic, trade, and technical co-operation between the Parties by:

a) Pursuing the implementation of this Memorandum of Understanding;

b) Evaluating and making proposals for the implementation of the provisions of this Memorandum of Understanding; and

c) Developing co-operation in the fields provided for in this Memorandum of Understanding or otherwise agreed upon later between the Parties.

(2) The Joint Economic Committee shall meet alternatively in the two countries annually or at the request of one of the Parties and with the acceptance of the other.

(3) The Parties shall meet in full their own costs of attending Joint Economic Committee meetings.

(4) Any agreements, recommended by the Joint Economic Committee for the implementation of this Memorandum of Understanding, shall be concluded in accordance with the Parties' respective constitutional requirements for the conclusion of international agreements.

## ARTICLE 8

This Memorandum of Understanding shall not affect the understandings and Agreements in force and concluded by the Parties with third parties or with regional and/or international economic organisations.

## ARTICLE 9

Any disputes between the Parties arising out of the interpretation or implementation of this Memorandum of Understanding shall be settled amicably through consultation or negotiation between them.

## ARTICLE10

(1) This Memorandum of Understanding will take effect on signature, and will remain in effect until either Party gives the other six months' written notice of its intention to terminate this Memorandum of Understanding.

(2) This Memorandum of Understanding may be amended by the mutual consent of the Parties through an exchange of notes between the Parties through diplomatic channels.

(3) In case of notification to terminate this Memorandum of Understanding, commitments resulting from any contracts concluded under its provisions and not yet implemented, shall be valid until fully implemented.

**Signed in Manama, on the 28 day of May in the Arabic, Tajik and English languages, all texts being equally valid. In case of divergence in interpretation, the English text will prevail.**

**For the Government of the Kingdom of Bahrain**

**For the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan**