# AGREEMENT
# BETWEEN
# THE GOVERNMENT OF THE KINGDOM OF BAHRAIN
# AND
# THE GOVERNMENT OF THE ITALIAN REPUBLIC
# ON EQUALITY OF TREATMENT ON ANCHORAGE AND PORT TAXES

The Government of the Kingdom of Bahrain and the Government of the Italian Republic, hereinafter referred to as "the Contracting Parties",

**Desiring to** strengthen the friendly relations existing between them;

**Desiring** in particular to promote bilateral cooperation in the field of maritime transport, in compliance with the principles of sovereignty, territorial integrity and non interference in internal matters;

**In compliance with** the principles of equality and mutual benefit;

**Convinced that** such cooperation will provide many opportunities for increasing contacts between the Contracting Parties;

Have agreed as follows:

## Article 1

The Contracting Parties, in accordance with applicable national laws, agree to apply, subject to reciprocity, the principle of equality of treatment regarding anchorage and port taxes, levied by both Contracting Parties on merchant marine vessels, so that national vessels registered under the flag of one Contracting Party shall be treated as equal to national vessels registered under the flag of the other Contracting Party.

## Article 2

The present Agreement shall remain in force for a period of 10 years. Either Contracting Party may terminate the present Agreement by giving to the other Contracting Party a written notice of its intention to terminate it,

through diplomatic channels, one year prior to the expiration of the aforementioned 10 years.

**Article 3**

Upon expiration of the aforementioned 10 year period, during which time no written notice of intent has been served, the present Agreement shall be tacitly renewed for further similar 10 year periods, unless, one year prior to the expiration of the last period, either Contracting Party notifies in writing the other Contracting Party of its intention to terminate the Agreement.

**Article 4**

The present Agreement shall come into force at the receiving date of the second of the two notifications by which the two Contracting Parties shall officially inform each other that the respective procedures of ratification have been fulfilled.

**Article 5**

The present Agreement has been done in two originals, each in the Arabic, Italian and English languages, all of which are equally authentic. In the event of disagreement regarding interpretation, the English text shall prevail.

In witness whereof, the undersigned Representatives, duly authorised by their respective Governments, have signed this Agreement.

Done at Manama on the 7th day of December 2006

For the Government of
the Kingdom of Bahrain
Ahmed Bin Mohammed Al Khalifa
Minister of Finance

For the Government of
the Italian Republic
Colagero Di Gesu
Italian Ambassador