MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

ON ECONOMIC, TRADE, SCIENTIFIC

AND TECHNICAL CO-OPERATION

BETWEEN

THE GOVERNMENT OF THE KINGDOM OF BAHRAIN

AND

THE GOVERNMENT OF TURKMENISTAN

The Government of the Kingdom of Bahrain and the Government of Turkmenistan hereinafter referred to as the Parties;

desiring to strengthen the relations of friendship and develop economic, trade, scientific and technical co-operation between the Parties on the basis of equality, mutual respect and mutual benefit;

being guided by the principles and rules of international law and the national legislation of the countries,

have reached the following understanding:

Article 1

The Parties shall promote development and strengthen economic, trade, scientific and technical co-operation between Bahrain and Turkmenistan. This co-operation will include, but not be limited to the following areas:

a) Trade;
b) Industry;
c) Construction;
d) Agriculture;
e) Transport;
f) Telecommunications;
g) Search for and exploitation of hydro-carbon resources;
h) Education;
i) Scientific research;
j) Technology and innovation;
k) Tourism;
l) Investment; and
m) Financial services.

Article 2

In order to implement economic, trade, scientific and technical co-operation, the Parties shall encourage their economic entities to explore the possibilities of executing projects and their implementation in the areas of co-operation specified in Article 1 of this Memorandum of Understanding, in compliance with the national legislation of the countries of the Parties and universally recognized rules of international law.

Article 3

The Parties shall take all necessary measures for the encouragement of economic, trade, scientific and technical co-operation between their economic entities in particular by the

exchange of experts, scientists, technical experts, students and trainees in the areas of co-operation specified in Article 1 of this Memorandum of Understanding.

Article 4

The Parties shall encourage the participation of their economic entities in any international exhibitions and fairs, which shall be held in the territory of either Party, as well as promoting the exchange of visits of commercial delegations and the establishment of direct contacts between the business circles of the two countries.

Article 5

Any payments between economic entities of both Parties, resulting from transactions executed on the basis of this Memorandum of Understanding will be effected in a freely convertible currency.

Article 6

The Parties shall establish a Joint Economic Committee (JEC) for economic, trade, scientific and technical co-operation. The main purpose of the JEC will be:

a) co-ordinating and monitoring the implementation of international agreements concluded between the Parties and bilateral arrangements including decisions which will be adopted by the JEC regarding trade, investment and other areas of economic co-operation;

b) analysing trade and economic bilateral relations, and improving forms of co-operation between the Parties;

c) co-ordinating inter-governmental activities in the areas of economic and trade co-operation;

d) preparing and endorsing programmes of economic co-operation between the Parties, as well as developing agreed measures on their implementation.

At the consent of both the Parties sessions of the JEC will meet annually in Bahrain and Turkmenistan alternately.

Article 7

The provisions of this Memorandum of Understanding shall not affect the rights and obligations of the Parties that arise from other international treaties to which they are the Parties.

Article 8

By the mutual consent of the Parties, additions and amendments may be made to this Memorandum of Understanding in the form of separate protocols and are integral part of this Memorandum of Understanding.

Article 9

Any disputes between the Parties arising out of the interpretation and implementation of this Memorandum of Understanding shall be resolved amicably through consultations and negotiations between them.

Article 10

This Memorandum of Understanding shall come into force on the date of its signing and shall be remain in effect until either Party gives the other six months` written notice of its intention to terminate this Memorandum of Understanding.

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

Done in Manama on the 9th of February 2011, in two originals in the Arabic, Turkmen and English languages, all texts being equally authentic. In case of any dispute in the interpretation of the provisions of this Memorandum of Understanding, the English text shall prevail.

For the Government of the Kingdom of Bahrain

For the Government of Turkmenistan