# MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

# ON ECONOMIC, TRADE AND TECHNICAL CO-OPERATION

# BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF

# THE KINGDOM OF BAHRAIN

# AND

# THE GOVERNMENT OF

# THE DEMOCRATIC SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF SRI LANKA

## PREAMBLE

The Government of the Kingdom of Bahrain and the Government of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka hereinafter jointly referred to as the Parties;

DESIRING to strengthen the relations of friendship and expand economic, trade and technical co-operation between the two countries on the basis of equity and mutual benefit,

HAVE reached the following understanding;

## ARTICLE 1

The Parties shall endeavour to develop and expand economic, trade and technical co-operation between the 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 and expand economic, trade and technical co-operation in accordance with this Memorandum of Understanding, the Parties shall encourage relevant specialized entities, companies and natural persons 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 for the joint achievement of projects in the territory of the Parties.

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

## ARTICLE 4

(1) The Parties shall encourage the participation of natural and legal persons of the two countries in any international fairs and exhibitions, which may be held in the territory of the Parties.

(2) The Parties shall also support the exchange of visits of business delegations, giving their support in accordance with the domestic laws in force in the territory 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) following up on implementation of this Memorandum of Understanding;

b) identifying and resolving any problems relating to the application of this Memorandum of Understanding and adopting necessary measures for its successful implementation; 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 composition of the Joint Economic Committee and the Agenda for meeting of the Joint Economic Committee shall be mutually agreed upon by the Parties. 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) 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 other Memoranda of Understanding and Agreements in force and concluded by the Kingdom of Bahrain or by the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka with third parties or with regional and/or international economic organizations.

## ARTICLE 9

(1) This Memorandum of Understanding shall take effect on signature, and shall 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.

## ARTICLE 10

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.

Signed in duplicate at Colombo on this 29th day of July, 2009 in the English language.

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

**Mohammed Bin Mubarak Al Khalifa**
**Deputy Prime Minister**

**For the Government of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka**

**ROHITHA BOGOLLAGAMA**
**Minister of Foreign Affairs**