

AGREEMENT BETWEEN  
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE SULTANATE OF OMAN  
AND  
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF INDIA  
ON COOPERATION IN THE FIELDS OF  
SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

The Government of the Sultanate of Oman and the Government of the Republic of India (hereinafter referred to as "the two Parties"),

RECOGNIZING that the promotion of scientific and technological cooperation shall be of mutual benefit to both countries;

DESIROUS of strengthening cooperation between the two countries, particularly in the fields of science and technology; and

CONSIDERING that such cooperation will promote the development of the existing friendship between the Sultanate of Oman and the Republic of India;

Have agreed as follows:

ARTICLE I

The Parties shall encourage and promote development of co-operation in the fields of science and technology between the two countries on the basis of equality and mutual advantages and shall, by mutual consent, define areas in which such co-operation is necessary, taking into account the experience of the two countries and the capabilities available.

#### ARTICLE II

Cooperation between the two countries in the fields of science and technology may be effected through:

- (a) Visits and exchanges of research workers, scientists and technologists (hereafter "Experts");
- (b) Exchange of scientific and technological information and documentation;
- (c) Holding scientific and technical seminars and workshops;
- (d) Training of scientific and technical personnel;
- (e) Implementation of joint projects on scientific and technological research;
- (f) Other forms of cooperation as may be mutually agreed.

#### ARTICLE III

The Parties shall promote cooperation between their respective organizations, enterprises and institutions concerned with science and technology, which may conclude, if necessary appropriate protocols or contracts within the framework of this Agreement. Such protocols or contracts shall be signed in accordance with the laws and regulations in force in the two countries.

#### ARTICLE IV

1. The objectives of this Agreement shall be achieved through the implementation of programmes of cooperation signed periodically. Such programmes shall specify the subjects, range and forms of cooperation, duration of visits of experts and financial terms and conditions.

2. The responsibility of implementing this Agreement shall rest with the Ministry of Commerce and Industry of the Government of the Sultanate of Oman on the Omani side and the Department of Science and Technology, Government of India from the Indian side.

#### ARTICLE V

1. The two Parties shall establish a "Joint Committee on Omani-Indian Cooperation in Science and Technology" (hereinafter to be referred to as "the Committee"), for achieving the objectives of this Agreement. The Committee shall meet alternately in Oman and India on dates to be decided through diplomatic channels.
2. The Committee will have the following functions:
  - (a) Considering the policies relevant to the implementation of this Agreement.
  - (b) Identifying fields of mutual interest and formulate programmes of cooperation for periods of three years on the basis of the priority interest of the Parties.
  - (c) Follow-up the progress of the implementation of this Agreement.
  - (d) Propose to the two Governments specific measures to enhance the range and quality of co-operation under this Agreement.
3. Contacts relating to the functions of the Committee during the intersessional periods will be conducted through diplomatic channels.

#### ARTICLE VI

The expenses for the travel of the experts between the two countries shall be borne by the sending country, while the expenses for accommodation, board, internal travel, medical facilities and pocket money shall be borne by the host country according to the terms mutually agreed between the two Parties. (Expenses resulting from death by misadventure or permanent disability which might occur during the activities approved by both Parties will be covered by the sending Party.)

#### ARTICLE VII

Each Party, shall, subject to its laws and regulations in force, secure to the citizen of the other Party, who stay on its territory, assistance and facilities necessary for the fulfillment of the tasks they are entrusted with according to the provision of this Agreement.

#### ARTICLE VIII

Disputes arising from the implementation or interpretation of the provision of this Agreement shall be amicably settled by the Parties through bilateral negotiations.


#### ARTICLE IX

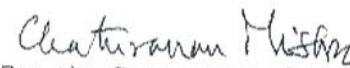
The present Agreement shall remain in force for a period of five years commencing from the date of signing. It shall be automatically renewed for further period of five years if neither of the Parties give notice to the other Party, of its intention

to terminate the Agreement, six months before the expiry of the period in force.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the respective representatives of the two Governments, have signed this Agreement in the city of Muscat on 22 Jamad Al Ula 1417 Hijri corresponding to 5th October, 1996 A.D.

Done in two originals in Arabic, Hindi and English languages, each being equally authentic and in the event of divergence, the English text shall prevail.

  
For the Government of the  
Sultanate of Oman

  
For the Government of the  
Republic of India