



AGREEMENT
ON TRADE EXCHANGE AND ECONOMIC, TECHNICAL,
SCIENTIFIC AND CULTURAL COOPERATION
BETWEEN
THE SULTANATE OF OMAN
AND
THE REPUBLIC OF TURKEY

The Government of the Sultanate of Oman and the Government of the Republic of Turkey hereinafter referred to as the Contracting Parties, desiring to strengthen the existing cooperation between their respective countries based on common historical ties, have agreed as follows:

ARTICLE 1

The Contracting Parties shall work for enhancing of the existing cooperation in economic, commercial, technical, scientific, cultural, tourism, youth and educational spheres within the framework of the laws, rules and regulations prevailing in their two countries.

ARTICLE 2

The Contracting Parties shall work to develop the economic and commercial cooperation particularly in the fields of industry, transport, communication and banking services.

ARTICLE 3

Each Contracting Party shall grant to the other Party the "Most Favoured Nation Treatment", with regard to trade between the two countries, except in the following circumstances:

- a) the privileges and the facilities which either Contracting Party grants to a neighbouring state to facilitate border trade,
- b) the privileges and the facilities which either Contracting Party enjoys or will enjoy due to its membership in a customs union or in a regional economic organisation or in a free trade area.



ARTICLE 4

All payments with respect to the goods and services between the two countries, stipulated in this agreement, shall be effected in convertible currencies mutually accepted by the Contracting Parties within the framework of the foreign exchange legislation prevailing in both countries.

ARTICLE 5

Each Contracting Party shall work to encourage participation in exhibitions and trade fairs to be held by the other Contracting Party, as well as supporting the exchange of commercial representatives and delegations within the framework of the laws, rules and regulations in force in both countries. The Contracting Parties shall also encourage the exchange of visits between business sectors and representatives of the Chamber of Commerce in the two countries.

ARTICLE 6

The Contracting Parties agreed that goods imported as samples and goods imported for trade fairs, exhibitions and similar activities from their respective countries shall be exempted from customs duties and other import taxes in compliance with their laws, rules and regulations in force.

If the goods stated in this Article, due to economic and technical reasons, are used for other than the aforementioned purposes or sold in the importing country, the customs rules of that country shall be applied.

ARTICLE 7

The Contracting Parties shall promote and facilitate the participation of their private companies for consulting, engineering and contracting services in each other's development projects.

ARTICLE 8

The Contracting Parties shall make available all the possible facilities to those concerned with the writing of history and to the researchers in universities and educational institutions as well as organisations in the two countries with the aim to enable them to benefit from record offices, libraries, cultural and scientific centres and to facilitate the acquiring of copies of documents thereof.



The Contracting Parties shall also encourage organising exhibitions, and cultural weeks and develop cooperation in the fields of archaeology, arts, libraries and museums as well as stimulate cooperation between media institutions in both countries.

ARTICLE 9

The Contracting Parties shall encourage the exchange of professors, academicians, teachers, researchers, scientists, and technicians and avail to them all the possible facilities for accomplishment of their undertakings.

The Contracting Parties shall also exchange the experience, publications, laws, pamphlets and the results of experiments researches related to higher education.

ARTICLE 10

The Contracting Parties shall work to improve and develop the cooperation in the field of tourism between the two countries, particularly in exchanging training facilities and expertise as well as encouraging their private sector to invest in tourism sector of each country.

ARTICLE 11

Desirous of a better implementation of this Agreement and strengthening the cooperation as mentioned in the Articles of the Agreement, the Contracting Parties have agreed to form a Omani-Turkish Joint Committee consisting of the representatives of the two countries. The Committee shall hold its meetings annually in the two countries alternately.

The duties of the Joint Committee shall be:

1. to follow up the implementation of this Agreement
2. to deal with any difficulty which may arise from the implementation of this Agreement and to submit proposals and recommendations in this regard.

The Joint Committee shall submit proposals and recommendations to their respective Governments, which shall be valid after being approved by the concerned authorities according to the procedures in force in each country.



ARTICLE 12

The Contracting Parties, if deemed necessary, shall encourage the signing of memorandum of understanding between the concerned authorities of the two countries in order to enhance the cooperation in any relevant field, according to the stipulations of this Agreement.

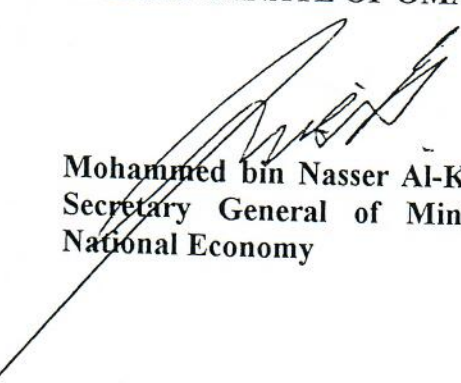
ARTICLE 13

This Agreement is subject to the ratification of the Contracting Parties, in accordance with the laws prevailing in the two countries and shall enter into force with effect from the date of the exchange of instruments of ratification and shall be valid for a period of three years from its coming into force and shall automatically be renewed, every year unless one of the two Contracting Parties notifies the other Party of its intention to terminate it in writing form, at least six months prior to its expiration. In case of its abrogation for any reason, all contracts entered into force under this Agreement shall remain governed by its provisions.

This Agreement has been prepared in duplicate in the Arabic, Turkish and English languages, all texts being equally authentic. In case of divergence of interpretation between the Arabic and Turkish texts, the English texts shall prevail.

In witness whereof the undersigned duly authorized by their two Governments have signed this Agreement in Muscat on the 13th of January 2004 corresponding to this 20th day of Dhual Qa'ada 1424H.,

**FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF
THE SULTANATE OF OMAN**



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Secretary General of Ministry of
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**FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF
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