Cooperation & Security Coordination Agreement between

The Sultanate of Oman and The Islamic Republic of Iran

The Sultanate of Oman and The Islamic Republic of Iran hereinafter referred to as the "Contracting States"

Desiring to strengthen their bilateral relationship in different aspects;

Confirming the standing friendly and brotherly Islamic relations between them based on the principles of mutual respect, good neighborhood, non-interference in internal affairs and respect of national sovereignty and territorial integrity;

Considering the mutual interests, in line with the national laws and the international agreements and obligations of each Contracting State and within the framework of international law principles;

Realizing the importance of security cooperation between them for the reinforcement of security and stability in the region;

Have agreed as follows:





Article (1)

Fields of Cooperation

The Contracting States shall take all necessary and effective measures to prevent all forms of criminal activities. They shall not allow their territories to be used for planning, organizing or executing such activities against the other state specially in the following areas:

- 1. Apply effective measures to prevent the cultivation, preparation, production, taking of, transport, transit and smuggling of narcotics and psychotropic substances and chemicals used to produce them as stated in the international conventions specially the 1961 Convention Related to Drugs, the 1971 Convention on Psychotropic Substances and the 1988 UN Convention Against the Illicit Trafficking in Narcotics and Psychotropic Substances, and the Memorandum of Understanding between the two states concluded in Muscat on 16/06/2004 regarding the combating of narcotics and psychotropic substances.
- 2. Combating the smuggling of goods.
- 3. Combating the smuggling of cultural heritage and artistic and ancient works.
- 4. Combating money laundering crimes and counterfeiting and distribution of currency, bonds, credit cards, documents and travel documents.
- 5. Combating all crimes related to smuggling and illicit trafficking and trading of arms/weapons and their ammunition, and explosives.
- 6. Combating infiltration and the illegal entrance of persons to the territories of each Contracting States.
- 7. Combating terrorism and transnational organized crime.

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- Combating crimes and detrimental activities against the environment and
- 9. Combating piracy and other crimes related to shipping, maritime transport and the illegal fishing in the territorial waters of the Contracting States.

taking the necessary measures to prevent them.

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The Contracting States shall also cooperate in the field of marine rescue operations and the cases of natural disaster.

Article (2)

Methods of Cooperation

In the framework of cooperation as mentioned in Article (1) above, the Contracting States shall:

- 1. Exchange information & data related to the crimes stated in Article (1) of this Agreement as well as the perpetrators, methods of committing those crimes and ways of combating such crimes.
- 2. Make coordination and consultation between the authorities concerned with combating the crimes mentioned in Article (1) of this Agreement in both Contracting States.
- 3. Undertake to receive their nationals who infiltrate or illegally enter to the territories of the other state wherever they come from or by whatever means.
- 4. Effectively resist all acts of infiltration or illegal entry of the nationals of a third state to and from the territories of any of the Contracting States. The Contracting States shall cooperate when such events occur.

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- 5. In accordance with a request from any of the Contracting States, obtain the assistance of experts and exchange the visits of police staff, conduct lectures and presentations in police colleges and institutes in both states.
- 6. Notify the other Contracting State at least one month before the seminars, training courses and workshops to be held within its territories in the field of police duties specially in the fields of combating crime, traffic safety, education and training so that the other Contracting State might participate in such training courses.
- 7. Exchange of systems, studies, researches, books, magazines, other publications and educational aids and videos issued or produced by the concerned authorities in each of the Contracting State, which serve the security work of the police force.
- 8. Exchange of information on methods and equipments used by each of the Contracting State in combating and detecting crimes.
- 9. Exchange of visits of those concerned in the Contracting States to the manufacturing factories of security equipment and appliances in order to take advantage of these products, taking into consideration the provisions of Article (5) of this Agreement.
- 10. Exchange of expertise and practices in the field of rescue operations and dealing with natural disasters.
- 11. Exchange of information regarding the perpetrators of crimes who are nationals of any of the Contracting States residing in the other state.

- 12. Develop and reinforce the means of cooperation between the INTERPOL offices in both Contracting States in accordance with the rules and regulations governing such cooperation.
- 13. Exchange of information and practices regarding the various ways of combating narcotics and psychotropic substances crimes, and also regarding the advanced and modern technology to fight and prevent addiction and provide treatment and rehabilitation to addicts.
- 14. Exchange of information regarding the security and exceptional measures taken about the nationals of each Contracting State who are residing in the other state through the diplomatic channels.

Article (3)

The Joint Committee

The Contracting States shall establish a joint committee presided by the Minister of Interior or his representative to supervise the execution of the provisions of this Agreement and activate the agreed steps of cooperation and execution mechanisms of the Agreement.

The committee shall hold its meetings at least once every two years alternately in the territory of one of the states, or whenever deemed necessary, on the basis of a request by one of the Contracting States.



Execution of the Agreement and the Points of Contact

The Iranian Police force and the other authorities concerned in the Islamic Republic of Iran and Royal Oman Police of the Sultanate of Oman are the authorities concerned with the cooperation, communications and coordination for the execution of the provisions of this Agreement. Each Contracting State should nominate their point of contact, through the diplomatic channels and shall be authorized to directly communicate with the other party to facilitate and expedite the execution of the fields of cooperation stipulated in this Agreement.

Article (5)

The Financial Costs

A separate agreement should be made between the two Contracting States regarding the cost, means and methods of payments in case if any of the Contracting States requested the other state (as per the provisions of this Agreement) to hold any educational training courses, purchase of security equipment or carry out any additional studies or any acts related to these fields.

Article (6)

Denial of Execution of the Request.

Each Contracting State may deny to execute any request of the other state in case if such execution will result in any of the following:

1. Prejudice the national interests, sovereignty of the state, contravene the national laws and the local regulations or violate the public order of the requested state.

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2. Obstruct the legal procedures or violate the binding judicial judgments issued by the judicial authorities of the requested state.

In all cases, the requested state should notify, through the diplomatic channels, the requesting state of the reasons of denial or rejection.

Article (7)

Interpretation of Provisions and Dispute Settlement

Any dispute arising from execution or interpretation of the provisions of this Agreement should be resolved through direct contacts or through the diplomatic channels.

Article (8)

Exchange of Information and Documents

- 1. The Contracting States shall exchange information and data according to the provisions of this Agreement and to the laws and regulations in force in each state.
- 2. The Contracting States shall maintain the confidentiality of the security documents, information and data and materials exchanged. The Contracting States are committed not to disclose the security documents, information and data and materials exchanged in accordance with this Agreement to any third party without the prior approval of the other state.

Article (9)

Enforcement of the Agreement

This Agreement shall be ratified in accordance with the basic statute or constitution

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in force in each of the Contracting States and shall come into force after one month from the date of exchange of the instruments of ratification through the diplomatic channels. The Agreement shall remain valid for a period of five years renewable automatically for further similar periods. The Agreement remains in force unless one of the Contracting States gives notice of its intention to terminate the agreement six months prior to the date of termination. The requests given prior to termination will remain valid.

Article (10)

Concluding Provisions

- 1. The Contracting States may, through the diplomatic channels, amend any article of this Agreement. Such amendments should be approved and agreed upon in accordance with Article (9) of this Agreement.
- 2. The provisions of this Agreement shall not prejudice the obligations of the Contracting States arising from the bilateral or multilateral conventions.

This agreement is signed in Tehran on 5th of August 2009, in two original copies in the Arabic, Persian and English languages, all texts being equally authentic. In the event of any discrepancy in interpretation, the English text shall prevail.

For Sultanate of Oman Yousif bin Alawi bin Abdullah Minister Responsible for Foreign Affairs

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