

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN
THE ROYAL OMAN POLICE (COAST GUARD)
IN THE SULTANATE OF OMAN
AND
THE INDIAN COAST GUARD
IN THE REPUBLIC OF INDIA
IN THE FIELD OF MARINE CRIME PREVENTION AT SEA**

The Royal Oman Police (Coast Guard) and the Indian Coast Guard, hereinafter referred to singularly as “the Party” and collectively as “the Parties”.

Recognizing that cross border crimes at sea create a threat to the safety of marine transportation and endangers the safety of both countries,

Recognizing the need for the safety of lives at sea and the safety of marine transportation and to maintain clean seas,

Have reached the following understanding:

Article 1

1. The Parties shall implement the provisions of this Memorandum within their territories according to the local laws and regulations and within the scope of available facilities.
2. The Parties shall establish instant means of communication between them, including telephone, fax and e-mail in order to facilitate quick exchange of information and active cooperation round the clock.
3. The Parties shall cooperate together for maritime safety and to prevent crimes at sea, particularly on the following:-
 - a. Suppressing and preventing marine crimes such as piracy, armed robbery, illegal trafficking with arms and harmful medical drugs, smuggling and illegal immigration, including the smuggling of people by sea.
 - b. Exchange of information relating to ships and that includes accused persons who are involved in criminal activities within the scope of this Memorandum and travelling to or across the ports of both Parties.

- c. Carry out –if possible, search and rescue operation at sea, based on a request from the other Party.
- d. Exchange of information relating to any pollution in the sea.
- e. Exchange of expertise within the scope of this Memorandum.
- f. Exchange of invitations between the Parties to attend training courses, workshops, seminars, conferences and programs that are held by either Party.
- g. Exchange of specialist visits from both Parties to promote the cooperation stated in this Memorandum.

Article 2

1. Each Party shall take urgent action to assist the ships and crew members of the other Party- upon the request of the other Party- in search and rescue operations. The requested Party shall notify the requesting Party of the actions taken.
2. The Parties shall cooperate with each other to ensure possible assistance for the maintenance of the ships and provide support in emergency cases at the cost of the requesting Party in accordance to the laws and legislations in force in both countries.
3. Each Party shall cooperate within the field of its authorities with respect to the activities included in this Memorandum.

Article 3

1. In order to achieve the objectives of this Memorandum, the Parties shall hold an annual meeting or as agreed upon between them, to research their mutual concerns and methods to counter marine crimes that affect both countries and the meeting shall be held alternately in both countries.
2. The host Party shall be responsible for arranging and preparing the meeting and the visiting Party shall bear the visiting expenses and any other costs as agreed by the Parties.

Article 4

The Parties shall facilitate ship visits between the two countries, in order to encourage operational and administrative cooperation between them.

Article 5

This Memorandum does not prejudice the rights and obligations of Parties arising from other bilateral or international treaties.

Article 6

Each Party shall maintain the confidentiality of documents and information, and any other data received by him or sent to the other Party during the period of the implementation of this Memorandum or any other agreements which are signed in accordance with the provisions of this Memorandum.

Article 7

Any amendments to this Memorandum shall be in writing and with the mutual consent of the Parties and the amendments shall be valid in accordance to the provisions of Article 9 of this Memorandum.

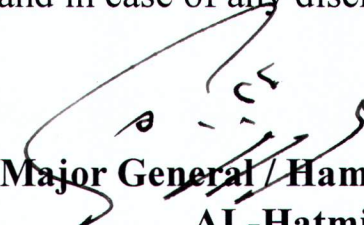
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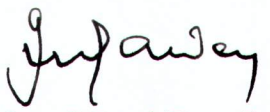
Any disputes arising out of the application or interpretation of the provisions of this Memorandum shall be settled amicably through consultations between the Parties through diplomatic channels.

Article 9

This Memorandum enters into force from the date of completion of the internal procedures of enforcement of both Parties. This Memorandum shall remain in force for a period of (5) five years and shall be automatically renewed for a similar period, unless either Party notifies the other, in writing, of its intention to terminate the Memorandum (6) six months prior the date of expiry.

This Memorandum was signed in Muscat on 22 May 2016 in two originals in Arabic, Hindi and English, all texts being equally authentic, and in case of any discrepancy, the English text shall prevail.


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