MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF INDIA
AND
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE KINGDOM OF MOROCCO
ON
COOPERATION IN MARINE FISHERIES

The Government of the Republic of India and the Government of the Kingdom of Morocco, hereinafter called "Contracting Parties".

Animated by the wish to reinforce the bonds of friendship existing between the two countries;

Conscious of the specific role that the marine fisheries sector and its industries play in their economic and social development;

Convinced of the interest they show for the preservation of the fisheries resources and the marine environmental protection, they are determined to ensure the conservation and the rational management of the living resources in their waters; and

Considering their interest of stimulating cooperation in fisheries training, technical and scientific research in marine fisheries, aquaculture and fish process industry fields;

Have agreed on the following:

Item One: Objectives of the Memorandum

This Memorandum aims to set the principles and methods for the implementation of cooperation in training, technical and scientific research in marine fisheries and fish process industry fields between the Contracting Parties.

Item Two: Cooperation in the field of training

The Contracting Parties shall attach a particular attention to the maritime training for their staff through the establishment of common programmes of training and qualification in the fields of fishery and aquaculture. These programmes include:

a) organization of training courses;
b) granting of scholarships;
c) organization of visits in order to share mutual experiences and to know the maritime systems in the two countries;
d) participation in seminars, specialized courses and training workshops organized by each of the two Parties;
e) exchange of trainers and experts in the field of training;
f) exchange of documents and useful information in the fields related to fishery training.

Item Three: Technical and Scientific cooperation in fisheries and aquaculture

The Contracting Parties shall cooperate to promote the elaboration, the management and achievement of scientific research programmes developed by their research institutes in the areas of aquaculture and fish resources assessment as well as the improvement of their management, exploitation and marketing.

Item Four: Cooperation in processing and marketing of sea products

The Contracting Parties shall encourage the exchange of their respective experiences concerning the processing and marketing of sea products and their derivatives.

In this regard, both Parties shall agree to promote contacts between their private operators in order to share knowledge and experiences in aquaculture and sea products processing.

Moreover, the Contracting Parties shall cooperate for the establishment of a marketing system in particular for the distribution of these products intended for their respective markets.

Item Five: Partnership between fishery professionals

The two Parties shall encourage the partnership between professionals in the fields of fisheries and related activities.

Item Six: Implementation of cooperation programmes

For the application of the provisions of this Memorandum, programmes and actions will be implemented by the Contracting Parties and jointly fixed within the Joint Committee stipulated in item 8 below, which can, for this purpose, create one or more Specialized Committees.

Item Seven: Cooperation within the International and Regional Organisations

The Contracting Parties shall encourage mutual consultations in order to coordinate their positions within the International Organisations concerned with marine fisheries matters.

Item Eight: Joint Committee

A Joint Committee will be established to ensure the implementation of this Memorandum and to supervise its interpretation. It will also be in charge of the settlement of any litigation which may arise from its interpretation.

The Joint Committee shall draw up the programmes and the projects of cooperation outlined in this Memorandum.

This Committee shall meet alternately in the Republic of India and Kingdom of Morocco at dates to be fixed by common agreement through diplomatic channels.

Item Nine: Duration and entry into force of the Memorandum

This Memorandum shall come into force on the date of its signature and will be in force for two (2) years, automatically renewable for successive period of two years. Each of the Contracting Parties may terminate this Memorandum, at any moment, via a written notice to be addressed to the other Party six months in advance.

The provisions of this Memorandum shall continue to be applied after its termination or expiry to all the obligations arising from programmes or contracts drawn up under the terms of its provisions and not entirely carried out at the date of its expiry.

Done in Marrakech on 01 February, 2014 in two originals each in the Arabic, Hindi and English languages; each text being equally authentic. In case of any divergence of interpretation, the English text shall prevail.

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