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AGREEMENT¹ ON ECONOMIC AND TECHNICAL COOPERATION BETWEEN THE BELGO-LUXEMBOURG ECONOMIC UNION AND THE STATE OF KUWAIT

The Kingdom of Belgium, acting both in its own name and in the name of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg by virtue of existing agreements, and the State of Kuwait,

Desirous of developing their mutual economic relations, have made an agreement as follows:

Article 1. The Contracting Parties will mutually encourage cooperation in the economic, industrial, mining, agricultural and technical fields.

Article 2. In order to attain the objectives set out in article 1, the Contracting Parties will favour:

- a) the conclusion of the official or private level of specific agreements relating to projects in the fields set out in article 1, according to the laws and regulations in force in the countries of the Contracting Parties;
- b) cooperation in the study, the drawing up and/or the implementation of industrial, mining, agricultural and infrastructural projects and the implementation of other economic projects of common interest;
- c) the organization of traineeships in the industrial, mining and agricultural enterprises of Belgium and Luxembourg;
- d) the exchange of know-how, specialized techniques and documentation related to them.

Article 3. The cooperation mentioned in the preceding articles may be put into force in the framework of the development plans which each of the Contracting Parties may elaborate.

Article 4. With the aim of facilitating the establishment of the cooperation mentioned in the present Agreement, the Contracting Parties shall ensure the provision of the administrative authorizations and necessary facilities taking into consideration the laws and regulations as well as the economic policy in force in their respective countries.

Article 5. In order to promote and develop trade relations and other forms of economic and technical cooperation between the two countries, a Joint Commission shall be set up, as a working body.

The Joint Commission shall meet once a year or more frequently at the request of one of the Contracting Parties if the necessity arises.

The Joint Commission shall have the task to follow the development of economic and technical relations between the two countries, elaborate recommendations to further the advancement of economic relations, examine difficulties that may arise in the course of implementation of economic, trade and payment

¹ Applied provisionally from 25 March 1974, the date of signature, and came into force definitively on 15 July 1975 by the exchange of the instruments of ratification, which took place at Kuwait, in accordance with article 7.

relations between the Contracting Parties as well as to propose ways and means for their settlement.

All decisions of the Joint Commission shall be subject to approval of the competent authorities of their respective Governments.

Article 6. When the necessity arises, experts representing interested organizations, associations or enterprises can be invited to take part in proceedings of the Joint Commission when certain questions are under consideration.

When deemed necessary, the Joint Commission can also appoint special working groups to study specific problems.

Article 7. This Agreement shall become effective on the date of the exchanges of instruments of ratification and shall be applied provisionally from the date of its signature.

This Agreement shall remain in force for a period of five years and, unless previously terminated by either Party by six months' notice in writing before expiry, shall be tacitly renewed for an equal period or periods.

DONE and signed in Kuwait on 25.3.1974 in two original copies in the Arabic and English languages, both texts being equally authentic.

For the State
of Kuwait:

[Signed]

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For the Belgo-Luxembourg
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[Signed]

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