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#### AGREEMENT<sup>1</sup> ON ECONOMIC, CULTURAL AND TECHNICAL COOPERATION BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE SULTANATE OF OMAN AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE HELLENIC REPUBLIC

The Government of the Sultanate of Oman and the Government of the Hellenic Republic (hereinafter referred to as "the Contracting Parties"), bearing in mind the friendly relations already existing between the two countries and their peoples,

Desiring to further strengthen and promote these friendly relations on the basis of equality and mutual benefits,

Recognizing the benefits to be derived by the two countries from closer economic, cultural and technical cooperation,

Have agreed as follows:

*Article 1.* The Contracting Parties shall seek to promote economic, cultural and technical cooperation between the two countries, in such fields which would contribute to the development of their countries.

*Article 2.* Economic and technical cooperation between the two countries shall, in general, cover Trade, Industry, Tourism, Transport and Communications, Public Works, Shipping, Shipbuilding, Fisheries, and any other field agreed upon between the Contracting Parties, taking into account the advantages as well as the comparative capabilities of each Contracting Party.

Article 3. The Contracting Parties shall take all possible and necessary measures to promote technical cooperation between the two countries through training and the exchange of specialized personnel and of technical experts as well as scientific and technical information in various fields.

Article 4. On the basis of this Agreement, the Contracting Parties shall conclude, whenever necessary, specific agreements with regard to cooperation stipulated in the preceding articles as well as specific projects to be agreed upon between the two countries.

*Article 5.* The Contracting Parties shall encourage economic, cultural and technical cooperation between the nationals (including corporate bodies) of the two countries in accordance with the laws and regulations in force in the two countries.

Article 6. The Contracting Parties agree to establish a joint commission at appropriate level for economic and technical cooperation in order to facilitate the implementation of this Agreement and to further expand economic, cultural and technical cooperation between the two countries.

The joint commission shall meet regularly and as agreed upon at Athens and Muscat alternately.

The commission may establish any subsidiary body deemed necessary for the fulfilment of its functions.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Came into force on 24 May 1977 by signature, in accordance with article 8.

Article 7. This Agreement shall be valid for a period of five years from the date of its entering into force. Upon the expiration of said period, its validity shall automatically be extended for further periods of five years, unless either of the Contracting Parties declares in writing its intention to terminate this Agreement one year prior to its expiration.

The termination of this Agreement does not automatically apply to specific agreements provided for under article 4, unless otherwise expressed in the declaration of intention to terminate the present Agreement.

Article 8. This Agreement shall enter into force automatically on the date of its signature.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the undersigned, being duly authorised by their respective governments, have signed this Agreement.

DONE in Athens on 24th May 1977 in duplicate in the English and Arabic languages, both texts being equally authentic.

For the Government of the Sultanate of Oman:

[Signed]

YOUSUF AL ALAWY ABDULLAH Under-Secretary Ministry of Foreign Affairs For the Government of the Hellenic Republic:

[Signed]

DIMITRI S. BITSIOS Minister for Foreign Affairs