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**BELGO-LUXEMBOURG ECONOMIC UNION  
and  
UNITED ARAB EMIRATES**

**Agreement on economic and technical co-operation. Signed  
at Brussels on 22 May 1984**

*Authentic texts: French, Dutch, Arabic and English.*

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## AGREEMENT<sup>1</sup> ON ECONOMIC AND TECHNICAL CO-OPERATION BETWEEN THE BELGO-LUXEMBOURG ECONOMIC UNION AND THE UNITED ARAB EMIRATES

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The Kingdom of Belgium acting in its own name and in the name of the Grand Duchy [of] Luxembourg by virtue of existing agreement, and

The United Arab Emirates,

Desirous of developing their mutual economic relations and to strengthen the cordial relations which exist between them,

Have agreed on the following:

*Article I.* The Contracting Parties agree to mutually encourage co-operation in the economic, scientific, industrial, mining, agricultural, investment, maritime and technological fields.

*Article II.* In order to attain the objectives set out in article [I], the Contracting Parties will favour:

- (a) The conclusion at official or private level of specific agreements relating to projects in the fields set out in article [I], in accordance with the laws and regulations in force in the countries of the Contracting Parties.
- (b) Co-operation 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, agricultural and maritime enterprises of Belgium and Luxembourg.
- (d) The exchange of know-how, specialized techniques and documentation related to them.

*Article III.* The co-operation mentioned in the preceding articles may be put into force in the framework of the development plans which each of the Contracting Parties may collaborate.

*Article IV.* With the aim of facilitating the establishment of the co-operation 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 V.* The Contracting Parties shall give to each other the right of transit in respect of goods, subject to the laws and regulations in force in their respective countries.

*Article VI.* In order to promote and develop economic, scientific and technological co-operation between their countries, a Joint Commission shall be set up, as a working body.

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<sup>1</sup> Came into force provisionally on 22 May 1984, the date of signature, and definitively on 20 January 1985 by the exchange of the instruments of ratification, which took place at Abu Dhabi, in accordance with article IX.

The Joint Commission shall meet at regular intervals and at such times and places as may be mutually agreed.

The Joint Commission shall have the task to review progress in relations in the fields of economic, scientific and technological co-operation in order to define areas of common interest for the development of these relations, to identify specific projects and programmes and facilitate their implementation by their local agencies, establishments and companies and to co-ordinate the implementation of the Agreement.

*Article VII.* All disputes that may arise from the interpretation or the implementation of the Agreement will be settled mutually by negotiations conducted by representatives of the two Contracting Parties or through diplomatic channels. If no settlement is reached by this means, the dispute will be referred to the Joint Committee to settle it.

*Article VIII.* When the necessity arises, experts representing interested organizations, associations or enterprises can be invited to take part in proceedings of the Joint Commission, provided that their view should be confined to technical matters on which they are specialized and they should not participate in the decision making process in the Commission.

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

*Article IX.* This Agreement becomes effective on the date of the exchange of instruments of ratification and shall be applied provisionally from the date of its signature.

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

DONE AND SIGNED in Brussels on 22nd May 1984 in two original copies each being in the English, French, Dutch and Arabic languages, the four texts being equally authentic. In case of dispute the English shall prevail.

For the Belgo-Luxembourg  
Economic Union:

[Signed]

H. E. WILLY DE CLERCQ  
Deputy Prime Minister and Minister  
of Finance and External Trade

For the United Arab Emirates:

[Signed]

H. E. SAIF ALI AL-JARWAN  
Minister of Economy and Commerce

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