

**AGREEMENT ON  
ECONOMIC, COMMERCIAL AND TECHNICAL COOPERATION  
BETWEEN  
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE CZECH REPUBLIC  
AND  
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE STATE OF QATAR**

**The Government of the Czech Republic,**

**and**

**the Government of the State of Qatar,**

(hereinafter referred to as the "Contracting Parties");

Desiring to expand and strengthen the relationships between the two countries in the areas of economic, commercial and technical cooperation for their mutual benefit;

Have agreed as follows:

**ARTICLE 1**

The Contracting Parties shall cooperate with each other in accordance with the respective laws and regulations of their countries, based on equality, friendship and mutual benefit, in the economic, commercial and technical fields, including trade, investment, industry, mines, agriculture, telecommunications, ICT, science, transport, constructions, tourism, labour and other areas of mutual interest.

**ARTICLE 2**

The Contracting Parties shall promote and facilitate export and import of their industrial and agricultural products, services, as well as raw materials excluding those prohibited by the respective laws and regulations of their countries.

**ARTICLE 3**

The Contracting Parties shall encourage and facilitate the movement of goods and services between the two countries.

#### **ARTICLE 4**

The Contracting Parties shall encourage the use of any international payment method and freely convertible currencies that are widely used to make payments for international transactions and widely exchanged in principal international exchange markets, which shall be the mode of payment for commercial transactions between the natural and legal persons of the Contracting Parties under this Agreement.

#### **ARTICLE 5**

Each Contracting Party shall:

- a) Encourage and facilitate the participation of businessmen and representatives of the Chambers of Commerce and Industry and other similar institutions as well as government officials in its country, at international fairs and exhibitions which are held in the territory of the other Contracting Party.
- b) Promote fairs and exhibitions organized by the other Contracting Party in each country within the framework of the respective laws and regulations of their countries.
- c) Facilitate the exchange of information on the laws and regulations, economic programmes and projects, business activities and other information of mutual interest.

#### **ARTICLE 6**

Each Contracting Party shall encourage cooperation and exchange of visits between the representatives of the Chambers of Commerce and Industry and other similar institutions as well as between businessmen in both countries.

#### **ARTICLE 7**

The Contracting Parties shall:

- a) Encourage cooperation between governmental and private institutions and agencies of public interests in their countries, engaged in technical activities, to set up joint technical, commercial, and economic projects, as well as exchange of delegates engaging in different technical disciplines to provide required assistance and support.
- b) Encourage and facilitate the participation of the citizens of both countries in training, mentoring and rehabilitation programmes relating to technical, economic and commercial fields, and coordination of the efforts of research, and development and initiatives as well as studies.

#### **ARTICLE 8**

- (1) For the effective implementation of this Agreement, and to settle problems which may arise during its execution, the Contracting Parties agreed to establish a Joint Commission on Economic, Commercial and Technical Cooperation (hereinafter referred to as "the Joint Commission").

- (2) The Joint Commission shall meet alternately in each of the countries of the Contracting Parties on a periodic basis, following a request from either of the Contracting Parties.
- (3) The Joint Commission shall be Co-Chaired by both the Minister of Industry and Trade of the Czech Republic or his representative and the Minister of Commerce and Industry of the State of Qatar or his representative.
- (4) The Joint Commission shall be comprised of representatives from ministries and institutions of both countries. Where appropriate, the Joint Commission may involve business representatives from both countries to assist in the implementation of this Agreement if the Contracting Parties mutually agree on that.
- (5) The duties of the Joint Commission shall include, in particular, the following:
  - a) Proposing procedures to facilitate the execution of this Agreement.
  - b) Studying possibilities required to enhance the economic, commercial and technical cooperation between the two countries.
  - c) Expanding and promoting commercial relationship and efforts to eliminate obstacles related to trade and economic cooperation between the two countries.
  - d) Suggesting proposals, if necessary, concerning the amendment of this Agreement.

#### **ARTICLE 9**

The Contracting Parties undertake to settle any differences or dispute that may arise in relation to the interpretation or the implementation of the provisions of this Agreement through amicable consultations and negotiations between them.

#### **ARTICLE 10**

This Agreement shall not affect the obligations arising from other agreements between both countries or agreements concluded by either of them with another country or with regional and/or international economic integration organizations, including the obligations emanating from Czech Republic's membership in the European Union and the obligations emanating from the membership of the state of Qatar in the Cooperation Council for the Arab States of the Gulf.

#### **ARTICLE 11**

Any additions and amendments may be made to this Agreement at any time by mutual consent of the Contracting Parties. Such additions and amendments shall be made in the form of separate instruments, being an integral part of this Agreement, and shall enter into force in accordance with the provisions of Article 12 of this Agreement.

## ARTICLE 12

- (1) This Agreement shall enter into force on the first day of the month following the date of receipt of the last written notification by the Contracting Parties confirming the completion of their respective internal legal procedures required for the entry into force of this Agreement.
- (2) This Agreement shall be valid for a period of five (5) years and shall be automatically renewed for successive five (5) year periods. Either Contracting Party may terminate this Agreement at any time provided that it notifies the other Contracting Party in writing, through the diplomatic channels, of its intention to terminate this Agreement at least six (6) months prior to the intended date of termination.
- (3) In the event of termination of this Agreement, all the undertakings and obligations arising from any dealings concluded in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement shall remain valid and binding until completion of the obligations and undertakings agreed upon by the Contracting Parties, unless they agree otherwise in writing.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, the undersigned duly authorized thereto by their respective Governments, have signed this Agreement.

Done at .....Prague..... on ...5<sup>th</sup> October 2022..., in two original copies each in the Czech, Arabic and English languages, all texts being equally authentic. In case of divergence of interpretation, the English text shall prevail.

For the Government  
of the Czech Republic

Jozef Síkela  
Minister of Industry and Trade

For the Government  
of the State of Qatar

Sheikh Mohammed bin Hamad bin Quassim  
Al Abdullah Al Thani  
Minister of of Commerce and Industry