



**COOPERATION ARRANGEMENT
BETWEEN
THE EUROPEAN EXTERNAL ACTION SERVICE
AND
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE STATE OF KUWAIT'S
“MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS”**

Introduction

The European External Action Service (EEAS) and the Government of the State of Kuwait's “Ministry of Foreign Affairs” (Kuwaiti MOFA) are hereafter jointly referred to as the “Sides”.

With the present Cooperation Arrangement (“Arrangement”), both Sides intend to enhance their dialogue in order to achieve common goals and objectives in areas of mutual interest.

This Arrangement intends to support and strengthen relationships between the two Sides, by promoting information sharing and consultations, and by fostering mutual understanding.

Both Sides recall that the European Union (EU) – Cooperation Council for the Arab States of the Gulf (GCC) Cooperation Agreement concluded in 1988 constitutes a fundamental pillar of their overall cooperation.

Have agreed as follows:

I. Purpose and objectives

1. Both Sides express their wish to exchange views, develop a dialogue and cooperation in areas of common interest, based on the principles of mutual trust and benefit.
2. Both Sides endeavour to explore with their stakeholders the possibility to advance towards a specific EU -Kuwait Framework Agreement, which would be construed to complement the EU-GCC Cooperation Agreement and would reflect their specific needs and interests.
3. Such Agreements typically covers three main pillars: (1) political dialogue, (2) trade and economic cooperation, (3) other cooperation policies.

II. Areas of dialogue and cooperation

1. Both Sides endeavour to enhance their dialogue and cooperation with a view to:
 - a) Increasing their mutual understanding on political and security matters.
 - b) Working jointly in their respective fields of competence with a view to factoring in the progress and subjects of their political dialogue in other meetings and international fora.
 - c) Strengthening their dialogue on and cooperation in their respective areas of competence.

d) Identifying the challenges, shared goals and potential actions in areas of common interest.

2. Both Sides endeavour to engage, as appropriate, with relevant services at EU and in the State of Kuwait level in order to promote, within their tasks and responsibilities, the EU-GCC Cooperation Agreement of 1988, which inter alia covers the areas of education, transport, trade, enterprise, environment, health and consumer protection, research and innovation, and other relevant areas of cooperation.

3. Both Sides endeavour to engage, as appropriate, with relevant services at the State of Kuwait and in EU level, within their tasks and responsibilities, in order to promote an EU -Kuwait business-to-business dialogue.

III. Working arrangements

Both Sides will aim to exchange experience, information and best practices through the following mechanisms:

a) Regular consultations at high level between them on political and other issues of mutual interest;

b) Annual Senior Officials Meetings between EEAS (inviting representatives from relevant EU institutions) and Kuwaiti MFA officials (inviting representatives from relevant line Ministries), with venues alternating between Brussels and Kuwait City.

- c) Ad hoc expert meetings or joint working groups, inviting relevant representatives from other line EU institutions and Kuwaiti Ministries;
- d) Organization of joint events such as workshops or conferences as necessary.

IV. Miscellaneous

1. This Arrangement comes into effect from the date on which the EEAS receives notification from the Government of the State of Kuwait's "Ministry of Foreign Affairs" of the completion of its necessary internal procedures. This arrangement will remain valid unless either of the two sides informs the other of its desire to discontinue it by written notification through diplomatic channels, which will take effect three months from the date of receipt of the notification.
2. This Arrangement may be modified at any time by mutual written consent of both Sides.
3. Both Sides declare that this Arrangement is not intended to create legally binding rights and obligations.
4. Any dispute arising from the interpretation, application or implementation of this arrangement will be settled amicably through diplomatic channels.

5. Any activities undertaken pursuant to this Arrangement are subject to the internal procedure and regulations of both Sides and to the availability of respective resources. Both Sides will bear their expenses relating to cooperation under this Arrangement.

Signed in Brussels this Tuesday, 19th of July 2016 in duplicate, both in English and Arabic languages, both texts having equal validity.

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