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THE STATE OF KUMAIT

FOR THE PROMOTION AND PROTECTION OF INVESTMENTS

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#### ARTICLE 2 Promotion and Frotection of Investments

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- 4 To attain the objectives of this Agreement, the Contracting States, when they deem feasible, shall encourage the formation and establishment of the appropriate joint legal entities, including a Kuwaiti-Nulless Holding Company, other companies or other similar business organisations to develop and execute investment projects in different economic sectors in accordance with the laws and regulations of the host State.
- 5 Investors of either Contracting State shall be permitted to engage top managerial personnel of their choice regardless of nationality to the extent permitted by the laws of the host State. The Contracting States shall make available all necessary facilities including the issuance of visas and permits of stay to such managerial personnel and to their families in accordance with the laws and regulations of the two Contracting States.
- 6 Once established, investments shall not be subject in the host State to additional performance requirements which hinder their expansion or maintenance which require or enforce commitments to export yoods produced or which specify that goods or services must be purchased locally, or which impose any other similar requirements.
- With respect to its tax policies, each Contracting State shall prive to accord fairness and equity in the treatment of investments of investors of the other of investments of investors of the other shall endeavour to conclude an agreement for the avoidance of double taxation as soon as possible.

# ARTICLE 3 Most-favoured Nation Provisions

- 1 Each Contracting State shall in its territory and maritime zones accord investments and returns of investors of the other Contracting State treatment not less favourable than that which it accords to investments and returns of its own investors or to investments and returns of investors of any third State, whichever is the most favourable.
- 2 Each Contracting State shall in its territory and maritime zones accord investors of the other Contracting State, a cogards management, maintenance, use, enjoyment of speed of their investments or any other associated activity, treatment not less father than that which it accords to its own investors or to investors of any third State, whichever is the most favourable.

# ARTICLE 4 Exceptions

Nothing in this Agreement shall be interpreted as imposing a legal obligation on either Contracting State to extend to the investors of the other contracting State, the benefit of any treatment, preference or privilege which may be accorded to any other State or its investors by virtue of the formation of a customs union, or economic union, a free trade area, regional or subregional arrangement or any other trade area, regional or subregional arrangement or arrangement relating wholly or mainly to taxation or relating to movement of capital or frontier trade to which such State may be a party.

# ARTICLE 5 Compensation for Damage or Loss

- 1 When investments by investors of either Contracting State surfer loss owing to war, other armed conflict, a state of national emergency, revolt, insurrection, riot or other similar events in the territory or maritime zones of the other contracting state, they shall be accorded by the latter Contracting State treatment as regards restitution, indemnification, compensation or other settlement, not less favourable than that which the latter contracting State accords to its own that the contracting state accords to its own is the most favourable.
- Without prejudice to paragraph (1) of this Article, investors of one Contracting State who in any of the events referred to in that paragraph suffer damage or loss in the territory or maritime zones of the other Contracting State resulting from:
  - (a) requisitioning of their property by its forces or authorities,
  - (b) destruction of their property by its forces or authorities which was not caused in combat action or was not required by the necessity of the situation,

shall be accorded just and adequate compensation for the damage or loss sustained during the period of the requisitioning or as a result of the destruction of the property. Resulting payments shall be freely transferable without delay.

# ARTICLE 6 Nationalisation or Expropriation

- (a) Investments of either Contracting State or any of its investors shall not be subject to sequestration, confiscation or any similar measures in the territory or maritime zones of the other Contracting State save with the order of a court of competent jurisdiction in commercial and civil matters issued in accordance with laws in force.
  - (b) Investments of either contracting state or any of its investors shall not be nationalised, expropriated or subjected to any other measures of dispossession, direct or indirect or having a the territory or maritime to the property of the other Contracting State except for a public purpose in the national interest of that State, and then only against prompt, adequate and just compensation and on continuous departs of the other domestic laws of general application.
  - (c) Such compensation shall represent the real value of the investment concerned and shall be computed on the basis of the market value of the investment immediately prior to the point of time when the for expropriation, nationalisation or decision dispossession was announced or became publicly known and shall be determined in accordance with recognised principles of valuation such as market Where the market value cannot be readily ascertained, the compensation shall be determined accordance with generally recognised principles of valuation principles taking into account, inter alia, the capital invested, natural and site of investment, depreciation, capital already repatriated, replacement value and other relevant factors.

The compensation shall include interest at the current LIBOR rate of interest from the date of nationalisation, dispossession or expropriation until the date of payment. The determination of the compensation, in the absence of agreement being reached between the investor and the compensation of the compen

- (d) Where a Contracting State nationalises or expropriates the assets of a company, firm or other business association or business concern, which is established or licensed, under the law in in its territory or maritime zones and in which the other Contracting State or any of its investors owns shares, stocks, debentures or other rights or interest, it shall ensure that prompt, adequate and just compensation is received and allowed to be repatriated. Such compensation shall be determined on the basis of the recognised principles of the valuation such as the market value of the shares immediately prior to the point of time when the decision for nationalisation or expropriation was announced or became publicly known. The compensation shall include interest at the current LIBOR rate of interest from the date of nationalisation or expropriation until the date of payment.
- The provisions of paragraph 1 of this Article shall also apply to the current returns from the investment and, in the event of their reinvestment, the returns therefrom, as well as, in the event of liquidation, to the proceeds from the liquidation.

## ARTICLE 7 Transfers

- Bach Contracting State shall guarantee without delay the transfer out of its territory in any freely convertible currency of:
  - (a) the net profits, dividends, royalties, technical assistance and technical service fees, interest and other current income accruing from any investment by an investor of the other Contracting State:
  - (b) the proceeds accruing from the sale or the total or partial liquidation of any investment made by an investor of the other Contracting State;
  - (c) funds in repayment of borrowings;
  - d) the earnings of nationals of the other Contracting State who are allowed to work in connection with an investment in its territory;
  - (e) amounts spent for the management of the investment in the territory of the other Contracting State or a third State:
  - (f) additional funds necessary for the maintenance of the investment; and

(g) compensation pursuant to Articles 5 and 6 and other similar payments

2 Without restricting the generality of Article 3 of this Agreement, the Contracting States undertake to accord to transfers referred to in paragraph (1) of this Article a transfers and Avourable as that accorded to transfers for the Contracting from investments made by investors of any third State.

3 For the purpose of this Agreement, exchange rates shall be the rates effective for current transactions or those which are determined in accordance with the Part of the rate of the rate of the rate of the Part of the Part of the rate of the rates do not exist, the official exchange rates for Special Drawing Rights or United States dollars or any other convertible currenty sayed

Provided always, that in the event of the introduction of a two-tier exchange rate system the appropriate rate of exchange shall be applied.

4 Such transfers as above shall, however, be subject to such reasonable regulatory procedures as shall, from time to subject to the right of its government to impose reasonable restrictions for temporary periods not exceeding three months to meet situations of fundamental economic are allowed to be repartiated during such periods.

## Article 8 Subrogation

- 1 If a Contracting State (or its designated Agency) makes payment to any of its investors under an indemnity or a guarantee it has granted in respect of maritime romes of the host State, or has otherwise become subrogated to any of the rights of such State shall recognise.
  - the right of the other Contracting State (or its designated Agency) arising from the assignment, indemnity or other subrogation whether under law or pursuant to a legal tr, and
  - (b) that the other Contracting State (or its designated Agency) is entitled by virtue of subrogation to enforce such right.

If such other Contracting Date any amounts in such manner as above, it shall be accorded in respect thereof treatment not less favourable than than accorded to the funds of investors of the host fatte or of any third State whichever is the most favourable deriving from investment activities similar to those if

### ARTICLE 9

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- (c) Conciliation or binding arbitration of such disputes shall be done in accordance with the provisions of the Convention on the settlement of Investment Disputes Between States and Nationals of Other States ("Convention") and the Regulations and Rules of the Centre.
- In any proceeding judicial, arbitral or otherwise, concerning an investment dispute between it and an investor of the other contracting state, a Contracting State shall not assert, as a defence, its immunity. Any counter-claim or right of set-off may not be based on the fact that the investor concerned has received or will receive, pursuant to an insurance contract, indemnification or other compensation for all or part of its alleged damages from any third party whatsoever, whether public or private, including such other Contracting State and its subdivisions, agencies and instrumentalities. Notwithstanding the foregoing, an investor of the other Contracting State shall not be entitled to compensation for more than the value of its affected assets, taking into account all sources of compensation within the territory of the State liable for compensation.
- 5 For the purpose of any proceedings initiated before the Centre in accordance with this Article, any company that, immediately prior to the occurrence of the event or events giving rise to the dispute was a company of the other Contracting State, shall be treated as a national or company of such other Contracting State.
- 6 Neither Contracting State shall pursue through diplomatic channels any matter referred to arbitration until the proceedings have terminated and a Contracting State has failed to abide by or to comply with the award rendered by the Arbitral Tribunal
- 7 In case the Convention is not applicable, then the dispute shall be settled by an <u>ad hoc</u> arbitration.

# ARTICLE 10 Settlement of disputes between the Contracting States

- Should any dispute arise concerning the interpretation or application of this Agreement the Governments of the Contracting States shall try to settle the same by negotiations.
- If the dispute cannot be so settled within three months it shall, upon the request of either Contracting State, be submitted to an Arbitral Tribunal in accordance with the provisions of this article

The Arbitral Tribural shall be constituted in the following way, Wikink two souths of the receipt of the request for arbitration, each Contracting State shall appoint one member of the Tribural. The two members of the Tribural is the two members of the tribural is considered with the two contracting States to act as Chairman (Areinardher referred to as the Chairman). The Chairman shall be appointed within three months of the Other Chairman (Areinardher appointment of the other chairman).

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#### ANTICLE 13 Entry into Force

This Agreement shall enter into force on the latter date on which either Contracting State solidies the other that its communitational requirements for the entry into force of this Agreement have been fulfilled.

# Duration and Termination

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In respect of investments made prior to the date when the notice of commission of this Agreement becomes effective, the provisions of this Agreement shall owerlines to be effective for a period of twenty to years from the date of termination of the present Agreement.

# In witness whereof the undersigned duly authorized thereto have signed this Agreement.

Done in duplicate at Exemit on this 19th day of April 1996, corresponding to 19th day of Thulqida 14164., in the English and Arabic lempuages both texts being equally authentic.

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Investments, the undersigned Pleniphtentiaries have, I addition, agreed on the following provisions which should b regarded as an integral part of the said Agreement.

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(a) The provisions of this Article shall apply to ampeare of expropriation, nationalisation, dispossession or other similar measures such as freezing or blocking of the other contracting fatter wherever they ampeared the other contracting fatter wherever they ampeared irrespective of the place where they may be deposited.

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# With respect to Articles 5, 6 and 7.

(a) The term "without delay" within the meaning of Articles 5, 6 and 7 is deemed to be fulfilled if a repartation is made within such period as is normally regulred according to international financial custom and not later, in any case, than three months.

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If the appointments are not made within the period mentioned showe, either party may invite the Chairwan of the Arbitrarion Institute of the Stockholm Chamber of Commerce to make the required appointment within twomonths.

(b) The Arbitral Tribunal shall reach its decision by a majority of votes. Its award shall be final and binding on Soch parties to the dispute, and shall be entered in any court of jurisdiction.

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#### . Nith respect to Article

Ensuit immentors shall immediately enjoy all rights, exceptions and privileges which are existing today and granted to similar immentors in Matta. In addition the Ensuit immentors shall, subject to Article 4 of this Agreement, automatically enjoy, in relation to their immentances, all privileges deriving from some foreurable, and according agreement, contract, or convention concluded or to be concluded by Matta with Matters maticinal immentors or

In witness whereof the undersigned duly authorised thereto have signed this Agreement.

Done in duplicate at Ruwait on this 19th day of April 1995, corresponding to 19th day of Thulsida 1415M. in the English

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