

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING  
ON COOPERATION IN THE FIELD OF TOURISM  
BETWEEN  
THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM  
OF THE HELLENIC REPUBLIC  
AND  
THE SAUDI COMMISSION FOR TOURISM AND ANTIQUITIES  
OF THE KINGDOM OF SAUDI ARABIA**

The Ministry of Tourism of the Hellenic Republic and the Saudi Commission for Tourism and Antiquities of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, hereinafter referred to as "the Parties",

Recognizing the importance of tourism in promoting economic development, mutual understanding and good will,

Considering the good relations existing between their countries and wishing to further strengthen them,

Desirous to develop cooperation between their countries in the field of tourism, within the framework of the Agreement signed by the Government of the Hellenic Republic and the Government of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia in Riyadh on 17/09/1986, corresponding to 13/1/1407 A.H.,

Have agreed as follows:

**Article 1**

In applying this Memorandum, the Hellenic Republic and the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia shall respect the laws and regulations in force in their respective countries.

**Article 2**

In order to encourage the increase in the tourist movement between their countries, the Parties shall facilitate the cooperation between the travel agencies as well as other enterprises and organizations operating in the field of tourism with a view to organizing and promoting package tours between Greece and Saudi Arabia.

### **Article 3**

With the aim of attracting tourists in their countries, the Parties shall promote the historical cultural heritage of their countries, thus acknowledging the role that each culture has played in the development of world civilization.

### **Article 4**

The Parties shall exchange information, know-how, documentation, statistical data, findings of research and promotional material in the field of tourism.

### **Article 5**

The Parties shall encourage the exchange of expert visits and the organization of workshops, lectures and seminars on special interest tourism, including agrotourism and the production of handicrafts for tourism purposes.

### **Article 6**

The Parties shall examine all possible forms of cooperation in the field of vocational training of students of tourism schools and personnel employed in the tourism sector, including on-the-job training and exchange of experts, students and instructors.

### **Article 7**

The Parties shall encourage and facilitate, within their possibilities, tourism investments by entrepreneurs from Greece and Saudi Arabia as well as joint ventures in their respective tourism sectors.

### **Article 8**

A Joint Committee shall be convened for the implementation of this Memorandum through bilateral consultations and through the submission of recommendations to the competent authorities of the Parties. The Joint Committee shall be composed of authorised representatives of the Parties and shall hold meetings periodically, at times to be agreed by the Parties, alternately in Greece and Saudi Arabia. Each meeting of the Joint Committee shall be chaired by the Head of the Delegation of the country in which it will take place.

**Article 9**

1. This Memorandum shall enter into force thirty (30) days after the date upon which both Parties will have notified each other, in writing and through diplomatic channels, of the completion of their internal procedures required for its entry into force. It may be subsequently amended, upon written agreement of the Parties. Any such amendment shall enter into force in accordance with this paragraph.

2. This Memorandum shall remain in force for five (5) years. It shall thereafter be automatically renewed for additional five-year periods, unless either of the Parties terminates it by notification given to the other Party in writing, through diplomatic channels, at least six (6) months prior to the expiry of its period of validity. However, any projects agreed upon during the validity of the Memorandum shall be completed.

Done in Riyadh on 10 February 2014 CE / 10 Rabi' al-Thani 1435 A.H., in two originals, each in the Greek, Arabic and English language, all texts being equally authentic. In case of divergence in interpretation, the English text shall prevail.

**For the Ministry of Tourism  
of the Hellenic Republic**



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Minister of Tourism**

**For the Saudi Commission  
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of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia**



**His Royal Highness  
Prince Sultan bin Salman bin Abdulaziz  
President of SCTA**