

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
ON COOPERATION
IN THE FIELD OF TOURISM
BETWEEN
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE HELLENIC REPUBLIC
AND
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE ARAB REPUBLIC OF EGYPT**

The Government of the Hellenic Republic and the Government of the Arab Republic of Egypt, hereinafter referred to as "the Parties",

Wishing to further strengthen the ties of friendship between the Greek and Egyptian peoples;

Desirous to develop bilateral cooperation in the field of tourism;

Recognising the importance of tourism in promoting economic development, mutual understanding and close relations between the Greek and Egyptian peoples;

Based on the full equality of rights and mutual benefit;

Have agreed as follows:

Article 1

The Parties, within the framework of this Memorandum of Understanding and in accordance with their national legislation, shall promote the development and strengthening of cooperation in the field of tourism between their countries.

Article 2

The Parties shall endeavour to facilitate and increase the tourist flows between their countries and shall encourage their associations of tourism and travel agencies to create and promote tour packages combining visits to both Greece and Egypt for third markets.

Article 3

The Parties shall cooperate, in accordance with their national legislation and without prejudice to their international obligations, in the following fields:

A. Marketing and promotion

With a view to making their tourist attractions better known to the public of the other country, the Parties shall encourage mutual tourism promotion through the

exchange of information, publicity and other promotional material in accordance with their respective laws and regulations. They shall also encourage the participation of their National Tourism Organisations in tourism fairs, exhibitions, seminars and other tourism promotion events, held in the territory of the other Party's country as well as the organisation of familiarisation trips for travel agents and travel journalists.

B. Education and training:

The Parties shall exchange information and documentation in the field of tourism education and training.

C. Statistics and legislation:

The Parties shall exchange information concerning tourism statistics and legislation as well as research on tourism development and shall encourage all possible forms of bilateral cooperation in this field.

Article 4

The Parties, in accordance with their legislation in force, shall encourage, promote and mutually facilitate the investments of Greek and Egyptian entrepreneurs as well as joint ventures in their respective tourism sectors.

For this purpose, their competent authorities shall regularly communicate to each other the tourism investment regulations and incentives as well as the existing opportunities for such investments in each of the two countries.

Article 5

The Parties shall encourage and promote cooperation in the field of Special Interest Tourism, with an emphasis on cultural tourism, coastal and maritime tourism, diving tourism, pilgrimage tourism, spa & wellness tourism and ecotourism, through exchanging experts' visits, know-how and practical experience and organising workshops and seminars in both countries.

Article 6

The Parties shall develop cooperation within the framework of the United Nations World Tourism Organization as well as other international tourism-related organisations of which both countries are members.

Article 7

In applying this Memorandum of Understanding, the Parties shall respect their obligations arising from international treaties to which the Hellenic Republic and the Arab Republic of Egypt are Parties.

The Hellenic Republic shall respect its obligations arising from its membership to the European Union.

Article 8

A Joint Tourism Committee is hereby established consisting of an equal number of representatives from either Party. Its meetings shall be held alternately in each country at a time agreed upon by the Parties through diplomatic channels and shall be presided over by the Head of the delegation of the country that hosts the meeting.

This Committee shall review the implementation of this Memorandum and the progress achieved through bilateral consultations and through the submission of recommendations to the competent authorities. The Protocols or Agreed Minutes signed at the conclusion of each meeting shall set out specific arrangements and actions to be taken for the further promotion of the cooperation of the two countries in the field of tourism.

The Parties may invite experts and representatives both from the public and the private tourism sectors from both countries to attend the meetings of the Joint Tourism Committee.

Article 9

Any dispute arising from the interpretation and/or application of this Memorandum shall be resolved amicably, by consultations between the Parties through diplomatic channels.

Article 10

This Memorandum may be amended by mutual written consent of the Parties. Any such amendments shall enter into force in accordance with the procedure set forth in Article 11, paragraph 1 of this Memorandum.

Article 11

This Memorandum shall enter into force on the date of the last notification by which the Parties inform each other in writing, through diplomatic channels, about the completion of their internal procedures required for its entry into force. It shall remain in force for a period of five (5) years from the date of its entry into force and shall be automatically renewed for subsequent similar periods, unless one of the Parties notifies in writing the other Party, through diplomatic channels, of its intention to terminate it at least six (6) months prior to the expiration date of the relevant period.

The termination of this Memorandum shall not, however, affect the completion of projects, programmes or any other initiatives undertaken under this Memorandum of Understanding and not fully implemented at the time of termination, unless otherwise decided by the Parties.

On the date this Memorandum enters into force, the Agreement between the Kingdom of Greece and the United Arab Republic on Cooperation on Tourist Matters, signed in Athens on the 23rd of July 1968, shall cease to be in force.

In witness whereof, the undersigned, being duly authorised thereto, have signed this Memorandum of Understanding.

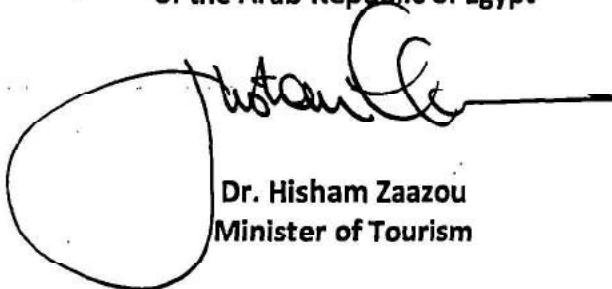
Done in Cairo on the 21st of February 2016, in two originals, each in the Greek, Arabic and English languages, all texts being equally authentic. In case of divergence in the interpretation, the English text shall prevail.

**For the Government
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