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Memorandum of Understanding
Between
The Government of People's Republic of Bangladesh
and
The Government of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia
On Mutual Recognition of Certificates of Seafarers Pursuant to
Regulation I/10 of the International Convention on Standards of
Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers (STCW)
1978, as Amended

PREFACE

The Maritime Authorities of the Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh and the Government of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (hereinafter referred to as '**the Parties**'). And desiring to take the necessary steps to implement the International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers (STCW) 1978, as amended (hereinafter referred to as **the Convention**).

To ensure that officers and seafarers working on ships of the two States are competent to carry out their tasks and to achieve the optimum standards for the safety of life at sea, the protection of property, the protection of the marine environment and the fulfillment of the requirements of their respective duties.

Taking into account regulation I/10 of the Convention and Section A-I/10 of the Code, and the Circular of the Maritime Safety Committee No. (MSC.1/Circ.1450), through understanding on measures to ensure that officers and seafarers on board have certificates of competency.

Then both Parties have agreed on the following:

ARTICLE 1: DEFINITIONS

The following terms and expressions, wherever stated in this Memorandum, shall have the meaning assigned to them:

1. **Certificates of Qualification:** means a document issued in accordance with the provisions of the Convention authorizing the holder to carry out the duties of service on the ship as specified, fulfilling the requirements of the service and performing the specific tasks at the level of liability specified in that certificate (hereinafter referred to as **the Certificates**).
2. **Endorsement:** means a valid document attesting the recognition of the certificate of competency under the provisions of the Convention by the maritime authority in both Parties and approved by the Maritime Authority providing that its holder has the right to serve the position according to the national legislation of either Party.
3. **The Maritime Authorities:** means the authority issuing the certificate in both Parties and officially responsible for issuing and approving the certificate in according with the national legislation of either Party.

- a) In the People's Republic of Bangladesh: Department of Shipping, Bangladesh.
- b) In the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia: Transport General Authority - Maritime Transport Sector.

ARTICLE 2: PURPOSE

The purpose of this Memorandum is to recognize the Maritime Training and Education and the Certificate of Competency for seafarers employed on ships between People's Republic of Bangladesh and Kingdom of Saudi Arabia for the purpose of implementing the Convention.

ARTICLE 3: IMPLEMENTATION

This MoU shall apply to employees on ships flying the flag of one of the Parties who are subject to the provisions of the Convention and who hold the Certificates issued by any of the Parties.

ARTICLE 4: SCOPE OF MEMORANDUM

The Parties agree to recognise the maritime training, education and the Certificates of each Party in accordance with the Convention, after each Party has ascertained the full implementation of the requirements of regulation I/10 of the Convention and the cooperation between them in the field of maritime training, certification and supervising of seafarer's affairs.

ARTICLE 5: TRAINING, EDUCATION, ASSESSMENT AND ISSUANCE OF CERTIFICATES FOR SEAFARERS

1. The Parties have agreed, to comply with the provisions of the Convention and related to the training and assessment standards to issue the Certificates.
2. The two Parties may coordinate with each other to set up a mechanism for continuous updating and exchange of information and experiences regarding education, training and evaluation programs to grant the Certificates, in accordance with what is approved by the International Maritime Organization.

ARTICLE 6: REQUIREMENTS FOR RECOGNITION OF CERTIFICATES

1. In compliance with the provisions of Articles (I) and (X) of the Convention and regulations (I/2), (I/4), and (I/10) of the Annex to the convention and Sections (A-I/2), (A-I/4) and (A-I/10) of the Code, the Maritime Authority shall recognize the Certificates issued and Approved by the other Party after it guarantees the following:
 - a) The seafarers shall be trained and assessed in accordance with the provisions of the Convention.
 - b) The instructors and assessors shall be suitably qualified in accordance with the provisions of the Convention.
 - c) Certificates shall be registered in a numbered record for those Certificates.
 - d) The Maritime Authority shall issue a certificate of recognition after verification of the recognition requirements.
 - e) The assessment of quality standards shall be in conformity with the requirements of regulation (I/8) of the Convention.
2. The Maritime Authority of either Party shall notify within sixty days any substantial amendments or arrangements to the Maritime Training and Education system and procedures for the issuance of the Certificates or any amendments that may lead to a difference in the information sent.
3. Each Party of the Memorandum shall provide the other Party with the forms of certificates issued with the form of the stamp and any amendment thereto.

ARTICLE 7: VERIFICATION OF AUTHENTICITY AND VALIDITY

- 1- Both Parties have agreed that the Maritime Authority of each Party may verify the authenticity and validity of certificates and endorsements issued by the other party by correspondence by fax or e-mail and any other available means and request all the requirements to verify its authenticity in compliance with the Convention and shall include the data of its holder and the certificate type, serial number, place and date of issuance.
- 2- The Maritime Authority of the Certificate-issuing Party shall reply to the request within 07 (Seven) working days from receiving date.

ARTICLE 8: EXCHANGING OF VISIT FOR THE VERIFICATION OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF REQUIREMENTS

- A. The Parties agreed to cooperate in exchanging visits between the Maritime Administrations and the Maritime Training and Education Institutions of the other Party in order to obtain the access to:
1. Capacities of each Party to implement the requirements of Maritime Training and Education and the issuance of certificates in accordance with the provisions of the I/10 of the Convention.
 2. Standards for issuing the Certificates.
 3. Procedures of the approval, renewal, suspension or cancellation of the Certificates.
 4. Records keeping for seafarers' affairs.
 5. Standards of physical fitness.
 6. Exchanging the information regarding the validity of the certificate.
 7. Establishing an electronic database for the seafarers.
- B. The visit shall be requested by written notice at least thirty days before the date of the visit, by the official means of communication between the two parties. The notice shall include the following:
1. The purpose of visit and facilities to be visited.
 2. The procedures that will be audited during the visit.
 3. A list of officials' names of the Maritime Authority who will make the visit.
- C. The visiting officials shall be committed to provide the results of the evaluation to the other Certificate-issuing Party within 60 (Sixty) days from the date of its completion.

ARTICLE 9: SUSPENSION OR CANCELLATION OF THE RECOGNITION CERTIFICATE

1. In case the requirements of the Convention were not fulfilled, the Maritime Authority has the right to issue a decision to suspend or to cancel the endorsement.
2. Thus, the Maritime Authority shall, within the period of (7) days, notify the Certificate-issuing Party in writing of any suspension or cancellation of the certificate of recognition and states the reasons of thereof.
3. The endorsement shall expire upon the expiry of Certificate.

ARTICLE 10: ENTRY INTO FORCE OF THE MEMORANDUM

The Memorandum shall enter into force after 30 (Thirty) days from the date of its signature by both Parties and shall remain in force for a period of 5 (Five) years and shall thereafter be valid for a similar period or periods unless one of the parties officially informs its wish to terminate the Memorandum at least 6 (Six) months before its expiry date.

ARTICLE 11: AMENDMENT THE MEMORANDUM

The Parties may at any time agree to amend the Memorandum in the event of a necessity, and the amendments shall follow the procedures in which the Memorandum has been concluded and shall become effective as set out in the preceding article.

ARTICLE 12: SUSPENDING THE MEMORANDUM AND TERMINATION

- 1- A Party may suspend the Memorandum or terminate it by sending a written notice 30 (Thirty) days prior to the date specified for suspension or termination for any one of the following reasons:
 - a. If the Certificate-issuing Party is unable to maintain its name in the whitelist issued by the International Maritime Organization
 - b. If neither Party fulfills its obligations under the Convention and those under the Memorandum.
- 2- The effect of termination or suspension shall have immediate effect without retroactive effect on the certificates of recognition issued prior to termination or suspension, which shall continue to be in force until its expiry date.

**Annex to the Memorandum
Means of communication between parties**

For the purposes of implementing this Memorandum, each Party shall provide the other Party with the postal address, telephone numbers, faxes and relevant e-mail addresses as follows:

A- Communications address in Bangladesh

- Department of Shipping,
- 141-143, Motijheel C/A, (7th Floor)
Dhaka-1000, Bangladesh
- Email: info@dos.gov.bd
- Website: <http://www.dos.gov.bd>
- PHONE: +88029513305 (Office)
- FAX: +88029587301

B- Communications address in Saudi Arabia

- Transport General Authority- maritime transport section
Riyadh - AlSahafa District Olaya Street
- PO Box 87078 Postal Code Riyadh 11642
- Email :Stcw.Seafarers@Tga.Gov.Sa
- Website: WWW.TGA.GOV.SA/
- Phone: +966118261111
- Fax: +9668261199

In case of amendments by any of the parties to any means of communication referred to in the previous item, it shall notify the other Party in writing of these amendments immediately.

ARTICLE 13: INTERPRETATION OF PROVISIONS

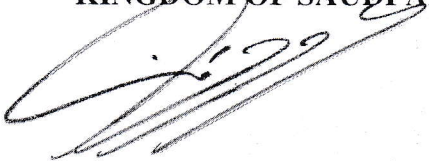
Any dispute concerning the interpretation or application of any provision of this Memorandum shall be settled by formal amicable means through negotiation between the Parties.

ARTICLE 14: COPIES OF MEMORANDUM

The Memorandum of Understanding adopted in Riyadh on Monday the date of 06/04/1444 corresponding to 31/10/2022 on two original copies in Arabic and English. All texts are equally authentic. In case of any difference in the interpretation of this memorandum, the Convention shall prevail.

In Witness Whereof, the undersigned and their respective authorized signatories of their government have signed this Memorandum.

**FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF THE
KINGDOM OF SAUDI ARABIA**



**FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF THE
PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF
BANGLADESH**

