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MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN THE UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME
AND
THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, LAND AND SEA OF ITALY

This Memorandum of Understanding ("MOU") is entered into by the Italian Ministry of Environment Land and Sea (IMELS) and the United Nations Development Programme ("UNDP"). IMELS and UNDP are hereinafter jointly referred to as the "Signatories".

WHEREAS, UNDP serves in many respects as the operational arm of the United Nations at the country level and works with partners in numerous countries to promote sustainable development, eradication of poverty, advancement of women, crisis prevention and recovery, good governance and the rule of law.

WHEREAS, UNDP represented by the Administrator Mr. Achim Steiner, is interested in enhancing its development activities to collaborate with IMELS in scaling up local development solutions for sustainable livelihoods.

WHEREAS, the Signatories share a mutual interest in strengthening the commitment to development cooperation in order to achieve poverty eradication and sustainable development,

WHEREAS, the Signatories recognize the value of the IMELS's own development experiences, including lessons learned from cooperation with African and SIDS countries and the *National Dialogue on Sustainable Finance* and UNDP's global knowledge on local development solutions for sustainable livelihoods.

THEREFORE, the Signatories have reached the following understandings:

Paragraph 1
Purpose

1.1 The purpose of this MOU is to provide a framework of cooperation and facilitate collaboration between the Signatories in areas of common interest.

Paragraph 2
Areas of Cooperation

The Signatories jointly decide to cooperate in the following areas of activity:

- i. to promote sustainable development in countries of interest and cooperation of UNDP and IMELS;
- ii. to promote a shift to sustainable finance to achieve the SDGs in countries of interest and cooperation of UNDP and IMELS;
- iii. to develop initiatives and programmes of common interest, including as defined by countries with IMELS bilateral cooperation agreements;
- iv. to support programme countries in their submission of projects and programmes to multilateral funds, as well as assisting in their implementation;
- v. to support countries in showcasing their work and progress in international meetings and high-level political meetings, as well as through facilitating technical workshops and south-south exchanges
- vi. to draw on the activities of the global programme through rigorous monitoring and evaluation as well as systematic documentation in order to provide adequate inputs to global and regional discourses including the post-2015 development agenda.

Paragraph 3 Consultation and Exchange of Information

3.1. The Parties will establish a Steering Committee. The Steering Committee shall adopt the workplan, evaluate and approve the initiatives to implement it, as well as review the progress of activities being carried out under the present MOU and plan future activities.

3.2. Consultation and exchange of information and documents under this Paragraph will be without prejudice to arrangements, which may be required to safeguard the confidential and restricted character of certain information and documents. Such arrangements will survive the termination of this MOU and of any arrangements signed by the Signatories within the scope of this collaboration.

3.3. The Signatories will, at such intervals as deemed appropriate, convene meetings under this MOU in order to review the progress of activities being carried out and to plan future activities.

3.4. The Signatories may invite each other to send observers to meetings or conferences convened by them or under their auspices in which, in the opinion of either Side, the other may have an interest. Invitations will be subject to the procedures applicable to such meetings or conferences.

Paragraph 4 Implementation

4.1. In order to implement the specific activities envisioned hereunder, the Signatories will conclude cost-sharing arrangements in accordance with the respective Signatories' regulations, rules and procedures which will specify the responsibilities of the Signatories on the provision of costs or expenses relating to programme implementation. Financial resources contributed by IMELS will be managed by UNDP in pursuance of the applicable UNDP regulations, rules and procedures.

4.2. It is understood that all activities will be carried out on the basis of project documents agreed between UNDP and the concerned governments, in consultation with IMELS, and in accordance with the applicable UNDP regulations, rules and directives.

4.3. Neither Side will be an agent, representative or joint partner of the other Side. Neither Side will enter into any contract or commitment on behalf of the other Side and will be solely responsible for making all payments to and on behalf of its own account, as provided under this MOU and under cost-sharing agreements concluded hereunder.

4.4. Each Side will be responsible for its acts and omissions in connection with this MOU and its implementation.

Paragraph 5 Visibility

The Signatories recognize that the cooperative arrangements will be publicized and therefore jointly decide to acknowledge the role and contribution of each Side in all public information document relating to instances of such cooperation and use each Side's name and emblem in documentation related to the cooperation in accordance with the current policies of each Side and subject to the prior written consent of each Side.

Paragraph 6 Notices and Addresses

Any notice or request required or permitted to be given or made under this MOU will be in writing. Such notice or request will be delivered by hand, certified mail, overnight courier, or telex to each Signatories at the address specified below:

For IMELS:

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For UNDP:

United Nations Development Programme
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United States of America

Paragraph 7 Miscellaneous

This MOU and any related co-financing arrangements and project document comprise the complete understanding of the Signatories in respect of the subject matter of this MOU.

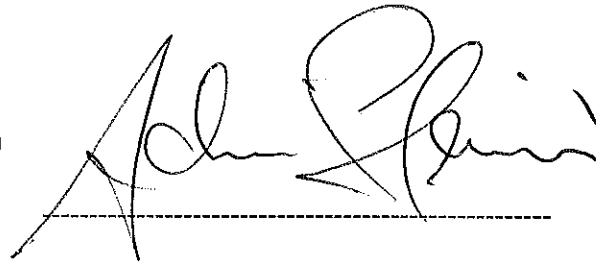
Paragraph 8
Entry into Effect, Duration, Termination and Amendment

- 8.1. This MOU will enter into effect upon signature by the Signatories.
- 8.2. This MOU will continue to remain valid unless either Side gives the other Side two (2) months' prior notice for termination in writing.
- 8.3. In the event of termination of this MOU, any cost-sharing or project cooperation arrangements, and any project document concluded pursuant to this MOU, may also be terminated in accordance with the termination provision contained in such arrangements. In such case, the Signatories will take necessary steps to ensure that the activities carried out under this MOU, the cost-sharing arrangements, and the project documents are brought to a prompt and orderly conclusion.
- 8.4. This MOU may be amended only by written joint decision of the Signatories.

Signed at New York on 18 September 2017, in two original copies in English.

For Italy:

For UNDP:



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