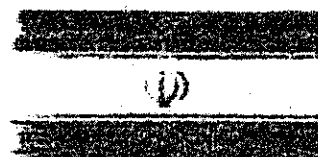




*Ministero dell'Ambiente
e della Tutela del Territorio e del Mare*



MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
ON
"COOPERATION FOR ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT"

BETWEEN
THE MINISTRY FOR THE ENVIRONMENT LAND AND SEA OF THE
REPUBLIC OF ITALY
AND
THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT
OF THE ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN

The Ministry for the Environment Land and Sea of the Republic of Italy
and
The Department of Environment of the Islamic Republic of Iran

Hereinafter referred to as "Parties",

Starting from the right of all Countries to protect their environment and to strengthen the rational use of natural resources.

Recalling that the Republic of Italy and the Islamic Republic of Iran are Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) and the Kyoto Protocol (KP) to that Convention, as well as other major Multilateral Environmental Agreements.

Taking into account that in Article 50 of the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Iran, environmental protection is deemed a public duty in order to safeguard the quality of life for both the present and future generations.

In order to prevent and reduce environmental pollution and to promote sustainable development, in accordance with the principles of the World Summit on Sustainable Development 2012.

Realizing the need for establishing close cooperation between Countries sharing common environmental problems.

have reached this understanding:

Paragraph 1

The Parties will jointly develop programmes, initiatives and projects dealing with prevention and/or reduction of environmental pollution and environmental preservation.

In particular:

- 1) identifying common solutions aimed at improving sustainable development in accordance with Multilateral Environmental Agreements (MEAs);
- 2) promoting the development of environmentally sound energy sources, a particular renewable energy;
- 3) promoting energy efficiency programmes;

- 1) implementing actions to mitigate and monitor impacts related to energy, industry and transport on the environment
- 2) promoting measures of adaptation to climate change, with particular regard to water management and actions to combat desertification;
- 3) promoting policies for protection of biodiversity;
- 4) collaboration for protection of marine environment;
- 5) promoting and initiating joint collaboration to address green-economy, green-jobs, green-technologies and low carbon economy.

The fields of cooperation identified can be enlarged to other areas upon approval by the Parties.

The implementation of every programme, initiative and project will be based on principles of impartiality, equality, reciprocity and common interest, taking into account the legal frameworks of each of the Parties and their international obligations.

Paragraph 2

Annex I to the present MoU establishes the framework of cooperation in the areas of energy and climate change and implementation of Nationally Appropriate Mitigation Actions, and constitutes integral part thereof.

Paragraph 3

The Parties may sign other Annexes elaborating specific forms of cooperation, that will become integral part of this MoU.

Paragraph 4

The Parties commit themselves to submit jointly project proposals to International Financial Institutions, such as, inter alia, the Global Environmental Facility (GEF), to finance the implementation and dissemination phase if they are not covered by the implementing subjects.

Paragraph 5

The Parties agree to set up a Joint Committee for the implementation of the present Memorandum, composed by three representatives of each Party.

The Italian Party will be represented by the Directorate for Sustainable Development and International Affairs of the Italian Ministry for Environment, Land and Sea.

The Iranian Party will be represented by the Department of Environment of the Islamic Republic of Iran.

The Joint Committee shall meet within three (3) months after the signature of the present Memorandum.

During its first meeting, the Joint Committee will detail the implementation of the present Memorandum of Understanding and will agree upon its tasks, rules and procedures as well as the frequency of the meetings.

Paragraph 6

This MoU shall not affect or prevent rights and obligations of the Parties to third Parties.

The implementation of the MoU shall be subject to the provisions of the national legislation of each Party and shall comply with all International Conventions and Protocols signed by the two Countries and with the obligations deriving to Italy from being part of the European Union.

Paragraph 7

The Parties agree that during the cooperation they will not undertake measures and activities that could be harmful to the reputation and interests of the other Party.

Paragraph 8

The Parties agree that all financial resources allocated by the Italian Ministry for the Environment Land and Sea to implement this MoU are not liable to tax, according to the 1958 legislation of the Islamic Republic of Iran.

Paragraph 9

Any disputes arising from interpretation and implementation of the MoU shall be solved by the Parties directly through diplomatic channels.

Paragraph 10

Each of the Parties may withdraw from the MoU and, in this case, its validity shall cease within three months from the reception of written notification of intention to withdraw.

Paragraph 11

Annexes to this MoU will be considered as its integral parts, unless the context otherwise requires, any reference to the annexes will be construed as a reference to the MoU.

This MoU may be amended only by written request of either party, and written mutual agreement of The Parties.

Paragraph 12

The Memorandum comes into effect at the day of the signature. The Memorandum will remain effective for 3 years starting from the date of its signature.

Signed in ROME.....on 25.11.2019. in two original copies in Italian, Farsi and English languages which being equally authentic. In case of any divergence in interpretation, the English text shall prevail.

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ANNEX I

TO THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU)
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