

PROTOCOL
OF THE 8th SESSION OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE
ON ECONOMIC AND TECHNICAL COOPERATION
BETWEEN
THE HELLENIC REPUBLIC
AND
THE ARAB REPUBLIC OF EGYPT

The 8th Session of the Hellenic - Egyptian Joint Committee was held in Cairo on the 4th of December 2014, in accordance with the provisions (Article 8) of the Agreement on Economic and Technical Cooperation between the Government of the Hellenic Republic and the Government of the Arab Republic of Egypt (Cairo, February 26th 1986).

The Hellenic Delegation was headed by H.E. Mr. Dimitrios Kourkoulas, Vice Minister of Foreign Affairs.

The Egyptian Delegation was headed by H.E. Ambassador Marawan Badr, Assistant to the Minister for European Affairs (Ministry of International Cooperation).

The members of the two Delegations are listed respectively in Annexes I and II to this Protocol.

The two Sides acknowledged the progress made since the 7th Session, held in Athens on 22 and 23 November 2010, and agreed on the need to further promote the existing bilateral economic and trade relations.

Both Sides appreciated the high level contacts which have taken place since 2010 (Attached herewith in Annex IV). These visits confirmed their strong will to develop stronger economic and commercial ties and to improve investment and trade relations between the two countries.

The Heads of both Delegations approved the Agenda, attached hereto as (Annex III) to this Protocol

In their opening statements, the Heads of both Delegations referred to the historical and trade ties and bonds existing between the two countries and reviewed economic developments in the two countries.

The discussions took place in a friendly and warm atmosphere - inspired by the excellent relations that exist traditionally between the two countries.

Both Sides expressed their willingness to deepen the existing level of economic cooperation, while issues of mutual interest were discussed during the meetings with a view to intensifying and extending the already established bilateral cooperation.

The results of the deliberations of the 8th Session of the Joint Hellenic-Egyptian Committee are summarized as follows:

1- ECONOMIC COOPERATION AND TRADE RELATIONS

a- Overall review of economic cooperation and trade relations

The two sides emphasized the importance they attach to their traditionally good relations in economic cooperation and bilateral trade, and reaffirmed their commitment to further advance and expand them.

It is noted that the volume of trade between the two countries has been steadily increasing over the last five years (2009-2013). This rate of growth has been carried over and during the present year despite the political and economic conditions afflicted both countries which add further challenges before the two countries to provide more opportunities to foster trade flow and develop further bilateral cooperation.

The two Sides praised the efforts made by The Egyptian Businessmen Association (EBA) and The Federation of Hellenic Enterprises to reconstitute the Greek-Egyptian Business Council (BCGE) through the Agreement signed between them in June 2013.

Both sides acknowledged the mutual benefits resulting from the Awareness Seminar that the EBA has organized in Thessaloniki and Athens (16-17 October 2014) with the purpose of raising awareness of the Greek companies seeking to enter the Egyptian market about the current state of the Egyptian economy and the potential fields of investment. The Seminar has also managed to bring together government officials from Ministries of Trade & Industry and Investment of both countries as well as Greek investors.

The two sides praised the outcomes of the first session of the Greek-Egyptian Business Council held in Cairo in December 2014.

Which reflects a common belief that the Council shall play an important role in deepening the bilateral relations through the exchange of information and the development of the sectors of trade, investment, know-how and joint ventures in both countries, including targeting neighbouring countries. The two sides trust that the council will also assist in achieving an economic alliance between the two countries amid the very similar economic crises that the two countries are witnessing.

Both sides have agreed on studying the feasibility of establishing a Joint Trade and Industrial Committee between Egypt and Greece to foster the bilateral trade relations, encourage investment and provide a favourable environment for trade movement, besides setting a mechanism to solve trade-related problems.

b- Bilateral Trade-related Issues

Both Sides welcomed the signing today of the Memorandum of Understanding between the Federation of Egyptian Chambers of Commerce and the Union of Hellenic Chambers of Commerce and Industry.

Both sides agreed to encourage their business communities to engage in international trade fairs and exhibitions, trade missions, with the aim of forming mutually beneficial partnerships. In this context, both sides invited each other to take part in the international trade fairs held in both countries, namely the Thessaloniki International Fair organized by Helexpo, and Cairo International Fair organized by the General Organization for International Exhibitions and Fairs (GOIEF) annually in March.

In this regard, an MOU between the Egypt Expo and Convention Authority and Enterprise Greece of the Hellenic Republic has been signed today to encourage business and trade missions between the two countries as well as participation in exhibitions and fairs in both Egypt and Greece.

Reference was made to the efforts exerted by the Egyptian Commercial Service (ECS) in promoting the 47th session of the Cairo International Fair held in the Cairo Conference Centre (from 19 - 28 March 2014) and its endeavours to encourage participation by the concerned Greek authorities and Greek Businessmen Associations.

Enterprise Greece will participate in the International Exhibition of Building Materials BIG 5 EGYPT, to be held in Cairo from 04.06.2015 to

08.06.2015. The Greek participation will consist of thirty selected Greek enterprises operating in all sectors of building materials and especially marbles, aluminium systems for facades, windows and doors, wood coatings, decorative prints, industrial coatings, powder coatings, wood coatings, decorative prints, stains, thinners, solar collectors, solar water heaters, forced circulation solar system, electric water heaters etc.

The Athens Chambers of Commerce and Industry (ACCI) and the Egyptian Junior Business Association (EJBA) have agreed on activating the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) signed in Athens in 2013.

The Egyptian International Trade Point (EITP) proposed establishing trade points in Greece similar to the Egyptian Trade Point to share the Egyptian experience in this field and allow further exchange of mutual trade-related information.

Both sides wish to further strengthen the bilateral trade of agricultural products, as there is potential for expansion into more product categories and increasing the volume of existing trade flows, for which joint efforts will be made.

The Hellenic side highlighted its strong interest regarding the protection all Greek Geographical Indications (GIs). In particular, “Elia Kalamatas” (“Kalamata Olives”) and “Feta” Cheese products should be protected according to EU regulations. The Hellenic side requested that the Egyptian side takes the necessary measures to ensure that this status is adequately guaranteed, in terms of labelling, in Egypt.

The Egyptian Potato exporters praised the Decree issued by the Greek Minister for Rural Development and Food stipulating access ports for Egyptian exports of potatoes – for the current season – as follows: Thessaloniki – Plati Yalos – Kiato. As a result, the Egyptian authorities have not received any complaints from the Egyptian Potato exporters during the current season.

The Hellenic side praised Egypt’s competent authority (Letter of Central Administration of Plant Quarantine dated 12-10-2010) proposal to accept cotton from Greece provided that the container is fumigated / disinfected with phosphine.

The Egyptian General Organization for Export and Import Control (GOEIC) proposed exchange of information concerning laws and legislations related to export and import procedures as well as holding workshops to promote trade and exchange experience in the field of certification inspection and laboratories, and exchange of visits between experts and specialists in the field of certificates of origin for the follow-up mechanism used in the verification of the origin and certification management systems-labels of goods and commodities between the two countries.

Both sides requested that, in conformity with the relevant provisions of the EU-Egypt Association Agreement, the customs requirements - in particular those concerning the EUR1 certificate of origin - should be always implemented.

2- ENHANCING COOPERATION IN PRIORITY SECTORS

1. AGRICULTURAL & SCIENTIFIC COOPERATION

Both sides welcome fostering the agricultural and scientific cooperation which aims at the further collaboration between specialized institutions in the field of agricultural research between the two countries.

The Egyptian side also wishes to benefit from the Greek experience in the field of fisheries and aquaculture; hence a MoU between the Egyptian and Greek Ministries of Agriculture has been signed today.

In this regard, both sides expressed their wish for further cooperation in the following areas:

1. Improving and preserving the soil.
2. Recycling agricultural waste.
3. Integrated planning for rural development and promoting the role of women in the agriculture strategy.
4. Phytosanitary issues
5. Plant production and plant production inputs
6. Organic agriculture
7. Animal breeding and husbandry and livestock production inputs
8. Post-harvest treatment and food processing industry, including marketing

9. Cotton classification techniques, branding and market operation
10. Quality schemes, certification and control for agricultural products and foodstuffs
11. Farm advisory systems
12. Extension and training services
13. Veterinary issues
14. Mechanization of agriculture
15. Land reclamation
16. Agro-environmental issues
17. Protection of Geographical Indications
18. Agricultural Research related to:

- Field crops
- Horticulture
- Food technology, processing and preservation
- Environmental management (protection and management of soil and water resources, reuse of municipal wastewater for irrigation purposes, waste management, renewable energy resources, biodiversity, etc.)
- Processes and methods for certified, safe and healthy agricultural products
- Animal health and zoonoses
- Rural economy and development
- Fisheries and aquaculture
- Pest and disease management including weed control
- Human, environmental and food safety from pesticides
- Maintaining the quality of the natural environment and
- Sustainable and safe use of pesticides
- Livestock production
- Agricultural engineering

Cooperation in the field of agricultural research may be implemented, indicatively, through the exchange of technical information and documentation, exchange of information on developments in scientific research, exchange of visits of experts and consultants, organization of training programs, seminars, conferences and meetings in both countries.

Both sides expressed their satisfaction at the success of the GI@MED project which necessitated extending its operation from 2011.

In the framework of the MoU on Scientific Cooperation in the fields of using remote sensing and space technologies for crop monitoring and management in Mediterranean area signed in 2010 in Athens, The Egyptian National Authority for Remote Sensing and Space Sciences proposes the following areas of cooperation with the Greek Scientific Community:

- 1- The design and building of relational geo- information database that include land use, environmental, economic and demographic data.
- 2- Agro- environmental monitoring, planning and management.
- 3- Environmental protection.
- 4- Water resources management.
- 5- The development of decision support systems (DSS).

In this regard, modes of cooperation in remote sensing and GIS applications between government departments and agencies, the private sector and academia in both countries include:

- Joint research, technology projects and activities.
- Exchange of scientists, engineers and other experts.
- Liaison with industrial, academic, professional and other organizations.
- Exchange of scientific information, data and experimental results.
- Education and training.
- Organization of symposia, seminars, conferences, meeting and special events.
- Other cooperation activities that may be decided by mutual consent of the participants.

The following could be examined in order to further exploit and promote the invested funds, time, and effort:

- 1- Implementation of studies to support decision makers in matters of water resources management, land reclamation, update of agricultural practices with the incorporation of latest geoinformation technologies, and tackle any subject that requires handling of geospatial information in the agricultural and/ or environmental sector important for the state.

- 2- Conservation and enrichment of the spectral database of plant societies and other surface objects common for SE Mediterranean, and exchange knowledge, data, and experience with European and World-wide relevant databases.

II. ENERGY

Electricity & Renewable Energy Resources

Both sides expressed their understanding of the current status of the Egyptian National Electricity Network that requires further strengthening prior to implementing projects for the electrical interconnection between the two countries, while stressing the importance of implementing such projects in the future and especially those using energy produced from renewable energy sources in Egypt.

Both sides agreed on the importance of reviewing, extending and activating the MoU signed between the Hellenic Center for Renewable Energy Sources (CRES) and the Egyptian New and Renewable Energy Authority (NREA) in June 2006 that included cooperation in energy efficiency and renewable energy (thermal solar energy – photovoltaic energy – wind energy).

The Egyptian side has proposed to jointly perform the following activities:

- Exchange experience, information and technical visits in the fields of:
 - Researches and studies on electricity generation, transmission, distribution and environmental issues.
 - Solar energy and utilization of PV in lightening systems and water plumping in remote areas.
- Encourage Greek companies to invest in electrical equipment's manufacturing & wind turbines and solar energy technology.
- Organize capacity-building programs, workshops and conferences.

- Achieve cooperation between transmission system operators (TSOs) and international interconnection network.
- The integration of the regional electricity markets.

The cooperation of both sides may also focus on:

1. Energy governance and institutional and regulatory building
2. Policy formulation and energy planning in renewables and energy efficiency
3. Energy efficiency studies in public, commercial and residential building
4. Pilot projects in renewables and energy efficiency.

Both sides expressed their willingness to encourage their companies and agencies to cooperate in the field of energy. In this respect, the Hellenic Side expressed its interest in ongoing or future projects in Egypt concerning renewable energy sources taking advantage of its know-how in the fields of solar thermal power, photovoltaic systems, bio-fuels, wind power and geothermal power. The Egyptian side welcomed the Hellenic interest in this regard which should be achieved through international tendering processes.

III. TRANSPORT

a. Road Transport

The Egyptian Side took note of the proposal made by the Hellenic Ministry of Infrastructure, Transport and Networks for a meeting of experts in order to discuss the bilateral Draft Agreement on International Road Transport of Passengers and Goods, submitted the Egyptian Side for consideration.

b. Maritime Transport

Both sides will encourage efforts to further promote cooperation in the port sector and establish maritime connections between ports of the two countries.

Both sides expressed their will to finalize and sign Memoranda of Understanding between Alexandroupolis Port Authority and the Port

Authorities of Alexandria, Damietta and Port Said and between Kavala Port Authority and Alexandria Port Authority.

The signing of the Memorandum of Understanding between Piraeus Port Authority and Alexandria Port Authority in June 2013 paved the way for the cooperation between other Greek and Egyptian ports shortening thus the distance of the trade routes between Europe and Egypt.

Both sides expressed their willingness to promote further their bilateral relations in the shipping sector on the basis of the Agreement on Shipping and Maritime Transport signed in 1981. Additionally, the two sides reaffirmed their mutual desire to explore the possibilities of updating the 1981 Agreement on Shipping and Maritime Transport and agreed upon the commencement of technical consultations.

They also agreed to enhance their cooperation at international maritime fora, notably within the context of IMO.

The Hellenic side stressed the importance of applying the principles of free and fair competition in international shipping and the significance of complying with international rules regarding maritime labour based on ILO Maritime Labour Convention.

c. Air Transport

The two Sides took note of the longstanding bilateral relations in the field of air transport and expressed their desire for further development of the aviation ties between the two countries.

Both sides expressed their mutual desire for the final signature of the Air Services Agreement initialled by the aeronautical authorities during the negotiations round, held in Athens on the 13th & 14th of September 2011.

Both sides agreed that the final signature will be in the nearest future during the next round of negotiations between the aeronautical authorities.

The Egyptian Ministry of Civil Aviation and the Egyptian Holding Company for Airports and Air Navigation have expressed their willingness to invite Greek experts to visit the premises of the

Company with the purpose of transferring the knowhow regarding the plan of Performance – Based Navigation (PBN) and exploring the potentials of Cooperation in Air Traffic Flow Management (ATFM) and any other domain which might contribute to the efficiency of flights, such as Route network improvement, Free route implementation in our interface etc. and The said visit is intended to take place in the first half of 2015.

V. ENVIRONMENT

The Egyptian Ministry of Environment welcomes the continuation of the effective cooperation with the Greek Ministry of Environment, Energy and Climate Change regarding the exchange of experiences and best practices mainly in the context of regional international organizations and initiatives such as the United Nations Environment Programme/ Mediterranean Action Plan (UNEP/MAP), the Union of the Mediterranean (UfM) and the Mediterranean Component of the EU Water Initiative (MED EUWI).

1) Nature Conservation Sector: Exchange experiences and visits between experts in the field of biodiversity and nature protection and implementation of conventions and multilateral environmental treaties, such as the Convention on Biological Diversity, the Barcelona Convention / Mediterranean Action Plan and the Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals (CMS).

2) Marine and Coastal Zones Sector: Develop guidelines for the management of coastal tourism and fisheries in the context of integrated management of coastal zones.

3) Climate Change Sector:

- Joint implementation of projects that control emissions of greenhouse gases.
- Organizational development efforts in the field of adaptation to climate change, particularly in the agricultural sector.
- Monitoring and adaptation of the rise of sea water level.

Additional areas for bilateral cooperation:

The two sides expressed their commitment to continue their effective cooperation in the context of the Mediterranean Component of the EU Water Initiative (MED EUWI), led by Greece since its launching in 2003. To this end concrete and operational cooperation is expected on issues of good governance and sustainable financing of water services within the National Policy Dialogue in Egypt that will be launched towards the end of 2015. The Dialogue falls within the framework of the Governance & Financing for the Mediterranean Water Sector regional project that is labeled under the Union for the Mediterranean and supported by the Mediterranean Component of the EU Water Initiative (MED EUWI), that has been steadily supporting tangible and on-demand activities in Egypt already since 2006, involving a multitude of Egyptian stakeholders including operational collaboration with the National Holding Company for Water and Wastewater of Egypt.

VI. BILATERAL INVESTMENT COOPERATION

Aiming at enhancing investment cooperation the General Authority for Investment and Free Zones (GAFI) of The Arab Republic of Egypt and Enterprise Greece of The Hellenic Republic have signed today a Memorandum of Understanding on the Promotion of Bilateral Direct Investment.

The Egyptian side has welcomed Greek companies willing to invest in the New Suez Canal Project and developing the Golden Triangle Project which would connect the industrial centers of Qena, Safaga and Al-Qaseer.

In this regard, the Egyptian General Authority for Investment and Free Zones (GAFI) proposed the following areas of cooperation:

1. Enhancing the institutional framework of investment to create a mechanism for exchange of information concerning investment environment and investment opportunities through cooperation with the Greek Investment Promotion Agency and organizing visits for investors and businessmen delegations, and participating in investment events held in both countries.

2. Opening communication channels with the businessmen associations and industrial and trade chambers, and providing them with information about the investment environment in Egypt and the available investment opportunities, through the Hellenic Federation of Enterprises.

3. Benefiting from the Greek experience in enhancing investment environment, as it progressed by 17 places and reached an advanced rank in the "Doing Business" Report 2014 issued by the World Bank.

4. Enhancing investment cooperation in the sectors where Greece has comparative advantage, such as:

- New and renewable energy projects: generating solar and wind energy.
- Logistics sector (freight and ports/ seaports management) to benefit from the Greek companies' expertise in managing "Piraeus" port.
- Construction and infrastructure sector (crucial to Egypt due to the state's plan to develop the medium and low cost housing sector).
- Food industries and retail sector.

VII. SERVICES

a. Banking

Both sides praise the fruitful co-operation in the Banking sector, noting the importance of the presence of major Hellenic Banks in Egypt.

The Egyptian side proposed further cooperation with Greece in the field of technical support and capacity building of the Banking sector and has submitted a draft Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for a future cooperation between the Bank of Greece and the Central Bank of Egypt (CBE) in the field of monitoring/ control and supervision of banks which aims at further improving the existing cooperation, especially in the field of banking supervision of cross-border Hellenic groups.

The two Sides underlined the participation of the Bank of Greece in the joint EU-ECB programme for the provision of technical assistance, in the field of banking supervision, to the Central Bank of Egypt. The major task of the current programme is the implementation of the new Basel Treaty in the local context and the enhancement of regulatory practices.

b. Tourism

Both Sides expressed their satisfaction over the progress achieved so far in their bilateral cooperation in the field of tourism.

With a view to further intensifying the bilateral tourist flows, they encouraged their National Tourism Organizations to participate in travel and tourism fairs, exhibitions and other tourism promotion events, held in the territory of the other Side. Moreover, they agreed to encourage cooperation between their national associations of travel and tourism agencies as well as other organizations operating in the field of tourism and mutually reinforce entrepreneurship in the tourism sector.

They also agreed to consider possible ways of cooperation in the field of Special Interest Tourism, with an emphasis on cultural tourism, coastal and maritime tourism, diving tourism and pilgrimage tourism.

In this context, both Sides expressed their willingness that the procedure of exchange of the draft texts of the 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 be speeded up.

c. ICT and Telecommunications

The Hellenic side has already ratified the MoU on the Post, Telecommunications and Information Technologies (signed on October 31st, 2006) and the Egyptian side expressed its intention for concluding internal procedures the coming period. The Ministry of Communications and Information Technology in Egypt (MCIT) welcomed pursuing cooperation with the Ministry of Infrastructure, Transport and Networks of the Hellenic Republic and both sides expressed their willingness to activate the above mentioned MoU.

The MCIT has proposed cooperation in the following areas:

- Broadband and Cloud computing.
- Cyber security and E- signature.
- Technology Parks.
- Off shoring and Outsourcing.
- Green ICT.

- Child online safety.
- Capacity Building.

MCIT is willing to negotiate on the expert level the telecommunications and postal services within the framework of legislation for each country. In addition to that, MCIT has proposed further cooperation areas in the field of communications and information technology hereinafter attached in Annex VI.

The Hellenic Side took note of the above-mentioned proposals.

VIII. INDUSTRY

Both sides expressed their willingness to update and extend the MoU signed in June 2006 between the Hellenic Organization for Standardization (which has been incorporated to the National Quality Infrastructure System of Greece - NQIS) and the Egyptian Organization for Standardization and Quality (EOS).

In particular, the two sides shall encourage, promote and maintain joint projects in the fields of standardization, accreditation / conformity assessment and metrology, with reference to:

- The harmonization of national standards with international and European ones, in order to remove technical barriers to trade.
- The establishment of direct contacts for the exchange of technical information and the promotion of bilateral technical exchanges in the aforementioned fields.

The specification of the above cooperation shall be defined and further elaborated between the two Organizations, NQIS and EOS.

The two sides agreed upon the need for further enhancement of industrial cooperation through examining the possibility of supporting

twinning programs among industrial zones and technological parks in both countries.

Both sides noted the importance of industrial collaboration and proposed the following:

- Fostering the support of twinning projects between both countries through the Greek Bank ETVA VI.PE which designs, develops and manages Industrial Areas, Industrial Parks and Business Parks in Greece.
- Supporting and establishing industrial regions and clusters in Egypt.
- Cooperation in industries: food industries, chemicals, pharmaceuticals, cosmetics, papers, furniture, plastic, glass, electronics, spinning and textiles, tools and machines, construction materials and structural materials.
- Holding specialized fairs and exhibitions in both countries alternately; especially in the fields of Small and Medium Sized Industries.

Both sides will endeavor to find financial resources in order to cover the expenses of the above mentioned project proposals.

VIII. CONSTRUCTION

Both Sides noted the importance of collaboration in the field of building and construction, and in this regard they welcomed the activation of the MoU signed between the Association of Greek Contracting Companies (SATE) and the Egyptian Federation for Construction and Building Contractors (EFCBC) during the 7th Session of the Joint Committee in 2010 in Athens.

To this end, the EFCBC proposed arranging for meetings between specialists from both sides to discuss the following:

- Exploring the available funding opportunities and means of exploiting them for the benefit of both sides.
- Banking procedures regarding the provision of the necessary credit for projects.

- The formula to be utilized to benefit from the international bids and offers.
- The technical labor available at the two countries and how to employ them in the implementation of projects.
- The possibility of establishing partnerships between the Egyptian and Greek companies and the relevant rules applied in both countries in this regard.
- The promotion of collaboration between the two countries regarding the projects construction sharing technical expertise, particularly in the field of irrigation, waste management and exploitation of renewable energy sources in central ventilation systems.

IX. CULTURAL COOPERATION

The two Sides underlined the strong and long-standing historical and friendly relations between the two countries and reiterated their willingness to continue and to further enhance the cultivation of the rich and fruitful cooperation through cultural organizations that develop programmes of mutual interest.

Both Sides agreed to further promote Hellenic-Egyptian cultural cooperation in the field of cultural heritage as well as in the field of contemporary culture (through exploring the possibility of exchanging and organizing film, theatre, art, music, and literature projects).

Furthermore, the two sides have praised the various manifestations of cooperation that were accomplished throughout the past few years such as exchange of music and folk dance bands participation in music festivals and mutual visits of poets and novelists to participate in cultural events. This cooperation will be further developed upon the signature of an executive program on cultural cooperation between Egypt and the Hellenic Republic.

In this respect, the cooperation of the two Sides in the field of cultural heritage will be further promoted upon the signature between the Ministry of Antiquities of the Arab Republic of Egypt and the Ministry of Sports and Culture of the Hellenic Republic of an Agreement on the Prevention of Theft, Illegal Excavation and Illicit Import, Export and

-Transfer of Ownership of Cultural Property and on the Promotion, Restitution and Return of Cultural Property to its Countries of Origin.

X. EDUCATIONAL COOPERATION

Both sides highlighted the importance of cooperation in the field of education. They expressed their willingness to encourage the collaboration between Higher Education Institutions, aimed at implementing projects of common interest.

Both sides considered that the educational cooperation constitutes an important way for promoting mutual understanding and people-to-people contacts.

XI. COOPERATION IN THE FIELD OF HEALTH

Both sides noticed that it would be mutually beneficial to enhance their cooperation in the field of Health. In this respect, both sides proposed to strengthen cooperation on the following topics:

- Communicable Disease and Public Health.
- Pandemic and Epidemic Diseases.
- Non Communicable Diseases (such as Diabetes, Cancer diseases, cardiovascular diseases and hypertension, etc).
- Cooperation in the field of pharmaceutical industry.
- Occupational diseases, prevention and countermeasures.
- Environmental pollution (water basin and water sanitation).
- Cooperation with specialized Medical Institutes, Research and Training Institutes of the Ministry of Health in each country.

XII. MANPOWER

Both sides acknowledged the importance of cooperation in the field of manpower and immigration; therefore a Technical Cooperation Protocol between the Egyptian Ministry of Manpower and Migration and the Ministry of Labor, Social Security and Welfare of Greece is signed today.

XIII. COOPERATION IN THE FIELD OF SPORTS

The two sides express their satisfaction for the signing of the Memorandum of Understanding in the Field of Sports that took place today aiming to solidify ties of friendship, strengthen their cooperation in international fora on issues of Olympic Games and Olympic Truce and transfer know-how for security and civil protection during major athletic events based on expertise gained during the Athens Olympic Games of 2004.

Bilateral Legal Framework

Both sides acknowledged the necessity of taking action towards activating all the Agreements and the Memoranda of Understanding previously signed between them but not yet in effect to this date.

Both sides praised the efforts that resulted in an Agreement between the Government of the Arab Republic of Egypt and the Government of the Hellenic Republic on the exemption from visa requirements for holders of diplomatic and service passports signed in Athens on June 13th 2013 and later approved by the Egyptian Presidential Decree No. 541 for the year 2013.

The two Sides expressed their satisfaction for the signing of the following Memoranda of Understanding throughout the sessions of the current Committee:

- 1) Memorandum of Understanding between the Egyptian Ministry of Agriculture and Land Reclamation and the Greek Ministry of Rural Development and Food in the field of Fisheries and Aquaculture.
- 2) Memorandum of Understanding in the Field of Sports between the Ministry of Culture and Sports of the Hellenic Republic and the Ministry of Youth and Sports of the Arab Republic of Egypt.
- 3) Technical Cooperation Protocol between the Egyptian Ministry of Manpower and Migration and the Ministry of Labor & Social Insurance of Greece.
- 4) Memorandum of Understanding between the General Authority for Investment and Free Zone (GAFI) of the Arab Republic and

Enterprise Greece of the Hellenic Republic on the Promotion of Bilateral Direct Investment.

- 5) Memorandum of Understanding in the field of participation in international fairs and exhibitions between the Egyptian Ministry of Trade (The Egypt Expo and Convention Authority) and the Organization Enterprise Greece of the Hellenic Republic.

6) Memorandum of Understanding between the Federation of Egyptian Chambers of Commerce and the Union of Hellenic Chambers of Commerce and Industry.

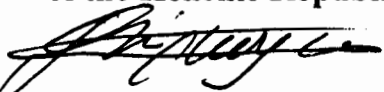
General Provision

Both Sides have agreed that the 9th Session of the Egyptian - Hellenic Joint Committee on Economic and Technical Cooperation will be held in Athens, at a date that will be agreed upon through diplomatic channels.

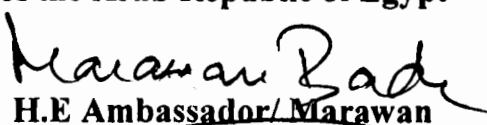
The two Sides agreed to establish a mechanism for following-up the implementation of agreed upon protocols and memoranda resulting from the Egyptian - Hellenic Joint Committee on Economic and Technical Cooperation. In this regard, the Egyptian and the Hellenic Sides will designate focal points in the Ministry of International Cooperation and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, respectively.

Done in Cairo on December 4, 2014 in two original copies, in the English language.

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ANNEX I

**8th SESSION OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE
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Cairo, December 4, 2014

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9.Ministry of Health

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13.Ministry of Youth and Sports

Mr. Mohamed Nour Salem	Director of International Relations Department
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14.Federation of Egyptian Chambers of Commerce

Dr/ Alaa Ezz	Vice President and Secretary General
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ANNEX II

8th SESSION OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC AND TECHNICAL COOPERATION BETWEEN

THE ARAB REPUBLIC OF EGYPT AND THE HELLENIC REPUBLIC

Cairo, December 4, 2014

THE HELLENIC DELEGATION

H.E. Mr. Dimitrios Kourkoulas	Head of the Hellenic Delegation Vice Minister of Foreign Affairs
<u>1. Ministry of Foreign Affairs</u>	
H.E. Ambassador Constantinos Orphanides	Director Directorate of International Economic Relations with Countries of Middle East, North Africa and the Gulf
Ms. Athina Chanaki	Deputy Legal Adviser Legal Department, Public International Law Section
Mr. Nicholas Christodoulidis	Counsellor for Economic and Commercial Affairs Diplomatic Cabinet of the Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs
Ms. Evgenia Keppa	First Secretary for Economic and Commercial Affairs Directorate of International Economic Relations with Countries of Middle East, North Africa and the Gulf
Mr. Terpsichori Kapetou	Press Officer/ Special Advisor of the Deputy Minister

2. Hellenic Delegation from the Embassy of the Hellenic Republic in Cairo

H.E. Ambassador Mr. Christodoulos Lazaris	Ambassador of the Hellenic Republic in Cairo
Mr. George Papadopoulos	Deputy Head of Mission
Mr. Athanasios Rizos	First Secretary of Embassy
Mr Athanasios Makrandreou	Head of the Economic and Commercial Affairs Section of the Embassy
Mr. Evangelos Dairetzis	First Counsellor for Economic and Commercial Affairs
Mr.Dimitrios Pitsidimos	First Secretary for Economic and Commercial Affairs

3. Ministry of Health

Dr/ Spyridon Kaminaris	Officer in the Directorate for European and International Health Policy
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4.Ministry of Rural Development and Food

Ms Angeliki Kallara	Head of Section for Planning & Development Directorate of Aquaculture & Inland Waters – General Directorate for Fisheries
Dr/Aristotelis H. Papadopoulos	General Director of Agricultural Research – Hellenic Agricultural Organization “Demeter”
Dr/Konstantinos S. Liapis	Head in the Department of Pesticides, Control and Phytopharmacy & Chemist-Head Research Scientist in the Laboratory of Pesticide Residues in the National Reference Laboratory of the Benaki Phytopathological Institute

Dr/Emilia Markellou	Plant Pathologist – Mycologist – Researcher Laboratory of Mycology Department of Phytopathology Benaki Phytopathological Institute
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5.Ministry of Shipping, Maritime Affairs and the Aegean

Mr. Nikolaos Matoulas	Lieutenant Commander HCG – Head of Unit 1 for Shipping Policy of the Directorate for Oceangoing Shipping – Hellenic Coast Guard Headquarters
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6.Enterprise Greece Organization

Ms. Vasso Kyrkou	Head of International and Stakeholder Relations Unit
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7.Union of Hellenic Chambers of Commerce and Industry

Mr. Panagiotis Papadopoulos	First Vice President
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8.Athens Chamber of Commerce and Industry

Mr. Nikolaos Vasileiou	Member of Board of Directors & President of ACCI's Trade Section
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9.Port Authority of Piraeus

Mr. Stavros Hatzakos	General Director
Mr. Dimitrios Spyrou	Management Director

10.Port Authority of Alexandroupolis

Mr. Christodoulos Topsidis	Member of the Board of Directors (Chamber Representative)
Mr. Panagiotis Pogkas	Responsible for Collaborations
Ms. Niki Mouchtaridou	Evros Chamber

11.Association of Greek Contracting Companies

Ms. Vasiliki Baliaka	Senior Public Works Contractor – Rural and Surveying Engineer & Geologist
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ANNEX III

AGENDA OF THE 8TH SESSION OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC AND TECHNICAL COOPERATION BETWEEN THE ARAB REPUBLIC OF EGYPT AND THE HELLENIC REPUBLIC

Cairo, December 4, 2014

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Recent High Level Bilateral Visits (2010 till Present)

I. Visits of Greek High-Level Officials to Egypt

- November 2013, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs, H.E. Mr. Kyriakos Gerontopoulos.
- September 2013, Deputy Prime Minister, H.E. Mr. Evangelos Venizelos.
- October 2012, President of the Hellenic Republic, H.E. Mr. Karolos Papoulias.
- April 2011, Minister of Foreign Affairs.
- October 2010, Minister of Foreign Affairs, H.E. Mr. D. Droutsas.
- June 2010, President of the Hellenic Republic, H.E. K. Papoulias.
- March 2010, Secretary-General of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, H.E. Ambassador I.-A. Zepos.

II. Visits of Egyptian High-Level Officials to Greece:

- January 2014, former Interim President, H.E. Mr. Adly Mansour accompanied by former Minister of Foreign Affairs and Minister of Tourism H.E. Mr. Hesham Zaazou.
- June 2013, former Minister of Foreign Affairs, H.E. Mr. Mohamed Kamel Amr.
- September 2010, former Deputy Minister of Trade and Industry, H.E. Mr. Mamdouh Moustafa.

- May 2010, former President of the Arab Republic of Egypt, H.E. Hosny Mubarak.
- May 2010, former Minister of Foreign Affairs, H.E. Mr. Ahmed Aboul Gheit.

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Annex V

Further Cooperation Areas in the field of Communications and Information Technology

Egypt welcomes to share its experience with Greece in the following:

1) Establishment and management of Technology Parks through: providing consulting and management services in establishing a prominent center of attraction for international investments and a network of business partners to carry all peripheral business activities, enabling Business Park administration to minimize costs without jeopardizing quality of service and providing adequate training for the Business Park management team.

Documentation of cultural and natural heritage through:

- Developing a historical digital map for historical sites and buildings in Greece starting by the sites in Greece.
- Developing a joint project for documentation of natural heritage in Egypt and Greece.
- Presentation of CULTURAMA of the Egyptian heritage in Greece.
- Developing of content from Greece on CULTURAMA.
- Using 3D Laser Scanning technology to preserve historical buildings in Greece.

Encourage cooperation between both countries in the following topics:

1) Capacity building in the following but not limited to:

- Preparation and execution of specialized training programs in different aspects of the telecommunications sector for serving the employees in this field.
- Preparation of joint technical researches and applications.
- Organization of conferences and workshops in the field of sciences and telecommunications policies.
- Offering courses for trainees from other countries in the NTI at preferable prices.
- Biomedical Informatics
- Convergence of media and ICT
- Business process outsourcing

- Knowledge process outsourcing
 - E-learning technologies
 - GIS, Mechatronics, Embedded Systems, VLSI Design, Networks, Information Security, E-business, and Multimedia.
- 2) **Computer Emergency Response Teams (CERTs).**
 - 3) **Research and Development (R&D) in the field of Information Technology and Communications.**
 - 4) **Wireless and broadband technologies infrastructure.**