

Memorandum of Understanding on cooperation between the Ministry of Small and Medium Size Enterprises and Handicraft in the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria and Ministry of Small Scale Industries in the Government of Republic of India

Ministry of Small and Medium Size Enterprises and Handicraft in the Government of the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria and the Ministry of Small Scale Industries in the Government of Republic of India (hereinafter jointly referred to as the "parties" and in the singular "party").

Expressing the wish to reinforce and develop cooperation between Algeria and India.

Willing to intensify support between the two countries in the small scale sector.

Considering the willingness of the two parties to develop a programme of partnership based on mutually beneficial exchanges;

Wishing that such a partnership programme would create a favourable environment for the promotion and development of the small scale sector.

Have reached the following understanding;

Article-1

The parties shall cooperate to create an environment in their countries, which is conducive to the promotion of joint ventures or partnership and shall make every effort to initiate and develop any action towards a stronger cooperation between small industries of both the parties.

Article-2

The scope of this cooperation covers all the following activities relating to small enterprises;

- Promotion of partnership projects and promoting institution to institution and enterprise-to-enterprise cooperation in the two countries.

- Carry out industrial potential surveys and feasibility studies to identify thrust areas and opportunities for development of small scale industries in Algeria.
- Exchange of experiences to provide training and encourage research for improvement of private sector's managerial skills, exchange of experts and exchange marketing technologies.
- Arranging of contacts between entrepreneurs for products and projects in the small sector of both countries.
- Exchange of business missions to help initiate technology transfer and sustainable business alliances between Indian and Algerian enterprises.
- Marketing of products and projects in the small sector through exhibitions, trade fairs and similar events in the two countries.

Article-3

The parties agreed to develop this cooperation taking their mutual interests into consideration mainly by;

- a) Meeting the market needs of the two countries and promoting exports to other countries;
- b) Giving added value to raw materials of the two countries;
- c) Using the sub-contracting capabilities in the two countries to their best potential;
- d) Promoting and developing the human resources of the two countries in the small scale sector;
- e) Improving and modernizing the technological capabilities of the two countries;
- f) Encouraging financial institutions of both countries to strengthen cooperation in all areas.

Article-4

The parties agreed to promote training and career training and encourage research through;

- a) The improvement of the private sector's managerial skills
- b) The exchange of experts between the two countries in various fields.
- c) Exchange and marketing of technologies.

Article-5

A joint committee, hereinafter referred to as the "Committee" shall monitor this Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)

The Committee shall be composed of representatives on the Algerian side of Ministry of Small and Medium Size Enterprises and Handicraft, and on the Indian side of Ministry of Small Scale Industries.

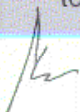
Article-6

The Committee shall meet in ordinary session in Algeria and India alternatively, and in extraordinary session at the request of either party at any time when necessary.

The Committee shall monitor the progress of the cooperation program and shall propose from time any measures aiming at improving relations and partnership between the two countries.

Article-7

The parties shall regularly exchange information relating to small industries development opportunities and partnership and shall work towards their achievement



Article-8

The parties may by mutual consent make amendments to this MOU. Any amendment shall enter into force under the same terms & conditions required for entry into force of this MOU.

Article-9

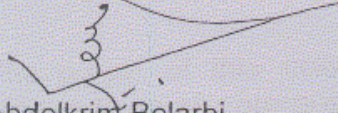
The parties shall amicably settle any dispute arising from the interpretation or implementation of the MOU through consultation and negotiation.

Article -10

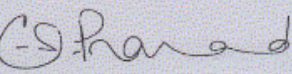
1. This MOU shall enter into force from the date of its signature.
2. This MOU shall remain in force for a period of three years and thereafter it shall be extended for a further period of three years at a time with understanding.
3. This MOU may be terminated at any time by either party by giving six months' written notice in advance, through diplomatic channel to the other party of its intention to terminate the MOU.

Signed at India on this day of 10th October, 2003 in original in English and Arabic, all texts being equally authentic. In case of any divergence of interpretation, the English text shall prevail.

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