Agreement
on Economic, Scientific and Technical Cooperation
between
the Government of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam
and
the Government of the State of Kuwait

The Government of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam and the Government of the State of Kuwait, (hereinafter referred to as the "Contracting Parties");

Desirous of strengthening and developing the relations of friendship between the two countries in the economic, scientific and technical fields;

Recognizing the need for promoting the cooperation in the interest of the common targets of the two countries;

Have agreed on the following:

Article 1

The Contracting Parties shall, in accordance with their national laws and regulations, promote economic, scientific and technical cooperation between the two countries on a long term and stable basis.

Article 2

The fields of cooperation mentioned in this Agreement are as follows:

(a) Encouragement of the establishment of economic, financial, commercial, industrial, touristic, service and technical development projects between the two countries;

(b) Encouragement of the exchange of information relating to scientific and technical research;

(c) Encouragement of the exchange of various goods and services between the two Contracting Parties;

(d) Encouragement of the exchange and training of specialists required for specific cooperation programmes;

(e) Organization of exhibitions and fairs;

(f) Cooperation in agriculture and agro-industries; and

(g) Any other form of cooperation that may be agreed upon by the Contracting Parties.

Article 3

If deemed necessary, the two Contracting Parties shall conclude specific agreements to be based on this Agreement concerning the fields of cooperation referred to above and other special projects that may be agreed upon between both Contracting Parties.

Article 4

The Contracting Parties shall encourage the exchange of visits by economic, technical representatives and delegations between them.

Article 5

(1) The two Contracting Parties agree to establish a Joint Commission consisting of representatives from the concerned economic sectors to supervise the implementation of this Agreement. The Joint Commission has *inter alia*, the following responsibilities:

(a) Identifying co-operative projects and programs between the two countries in the economic, scientific, technical fields and promoting the development of these ties;

(b) Monitoring the implementation of the co-operative projects and programs signed by the two Contracting Parties and seeking appropriate solutions to problems which may arise in the course of implementation;

(c) Facilitating the exchanges of information and experiences and organizing consultations relating to cooperative areas between the two countries;

(d) Determining the work of sub-committees to be set up with the agreement of the two Parties; and

(e) Settling all difficulties and avoiding misunderstandings or differences arising from the interpretation or implementation of this Agreement.

(2) The Joint Commission shall meet at the request of either Contracting Parties alternately in their countries.

Article 6

(1) This Agreement shall enter into force on the latter date on which either Contracting Party notifies the other that its constitutional requirements for the entry into force of this Agreement have been complied with.

(2) This Agreement shall remain in force for a period of five years and shall automatically be renewed for similar period or periods, unless either Contracting Party gives the other Party a written notice of his intention not to renew the Agreement, at least six months before the expiry of the period of the Agreement.

(3) When this Agreement expires, its provisions as well as provisions of any other protocols, agreements or contracts signed separately under this Agreement, relating to the projects under implementation of being completed, shall remain in force until the completion of those projects.

Done in Kuwait on 3rd Thulhijja 1415H., corresponding to 3rd May, 1995 in duplicate in Vietnamese, Arabic and English languages, all texts are equally authentic. In case of difference, the English text shall prevail.

for the Government of
the Socialist Republic of Vietnam

for the Government of
the State of Kuwait