Memorandum of Understanding
ON THE ESTABLISHMENT
OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE FOR ECONOMIC, CULTURAL,
SCIENTIFIC, TECHNICAL, AND TRADE COOPERATION
between
The Government of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam

and

The Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran

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The Government of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam and the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran

Desirous to strengthen and develop economic, cultural, scientific, technical, and trade cooperation on the firm and constant basis of equality and mutual benefits,

Have agreed on the following:

ARTICLE I

The Government of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam and the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran establish a Joint Committee for economic, cultural, scientific, technical, and trade cooperation, hereinafter called "the Joint Committee".

ARTICLE II

The Joint Committee set up as provided by Article I of this MOU shall have the following duties:

a) Inform each other of all issues relating to economic, cultural, scientific, technical and trade cooperation between the two countries; supervise the implementation of all Agreements signed between the two countries in these fields.

b) Submit recommendations to the Governments of the two countries in order to develop economic, cultural, scientific, technical and trade cooperation between the two countries in the future.

c) Take part in expanding information exchanges between the two countries in economic, cultural, scientific, technical and trade fields.

ARTICLE III

The Joint Committee shall consist of representatives of S.R. Vietnam and I.R. Iran; the Chairman of each side shall be nominated by their respective Governments at the Ministerial level. The Chairmen of the two sides shall inform each other of their members of the Joint Committee or any change in the member staff of their side. Each side shall be entitled to appoint necessary experts, advisers to attend the Committee's meetings.

ARTICLE IV

The Joint Committee shall hold meetings annually in Hanoi and Tehran on a rotation basis. The chairmen of the two sides shall sign the agreements reached at each meeting.

ARTICLE V

Two months prior to the Joint Committee's meeting, the two sides shall cooperate with each other and exchange ideas on the working programme of the meeting through diplomatic channels.

ARTICLE VI

The Joint Committee shall be entitled to set up permanent or non-permanent working groups; or sub-committees of each side, with the view to facilitate each other to fulfill their duties.

ARTICLE VII

During the period between two meetings, necessary contacts shall be made through diplomatic channels to settle all and any matter relating to activities of the Joint Committee.

ARTICLE VIII

All expenses of the Joint committee's meetings shall be borne by the host country except for the fact that travel expenses shall be borne by the guest side.

ARTICLE IX

This M.O.U. shall be effective for 10 years since the signing date and shall be automatically extended if none of the two parties give a 3-month prior notice, in written form,of its desire to terminate the MOU.

Done in Tehran on May 2, 1994 in English, in 2 copies both of them being equally authentic.

FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF THE ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN	FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF THE SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM
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