

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

Between

**MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE AND ECONOMIC RELATIONS
BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA**

And

**MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY, MINE AND TRADE
OF THE ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN**

Ministry of Foreign Trade and Economic Relations of Bosnia and Herzegovina and Ministry of Trade, Mine and Industry of the Islamic Republic Of Iran (hereinafter referred to as "the parties") in order to promote investment and trade cooperation between small and medium enterprises "hereinafter referred as "SMEs"", according to mutual and equal benefits achieved this understanding in the following paragraphs:

Article 1 - AIM OF THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

- Improving economic and commercial cooperation between Bosnian Herzegovinian and Iranian SMEs.
- Contributing to the Bosnian Herzegovinian and Iranian SMEs for improving their competitive power in global markets.

Article 2 - LEGAL BASIS

Preferential Trade Agreement between Bosnia and Herzegovina and the Islamic Republic of Iran signed on December 15, 2008 in Tehran, in accordance with its Article 18, the Joint Economic Commission was formed between Bosnia and Herzegovina and the Islamic Republic of Iran (hereinafter referred to as: the Commission). The Commission held its first session on April 28 and 29, 2010 in Sarajevo. In the Protocol from the First Session of the Commission, in Section 4.1 – Industry and Mining, Iranian side proposed cooperation in the field of small and medium-sized enterprises and industrial parks.

Article 3 - ACTIVITIES WHICH MAY BE REALISED

Each Party may, subject to the laws, rules, regulations and national policies from time to time in force, governing the subject matter in their respective countries, endeavor to take necessary steps to encourage and promote technical cooperation as follows:

3.1 The Parties may share the knowledge and experience they possess to improve their institutional infrastructure and support mechanisms with the aim of improving SMEs and carry out the following joint activities:

- Parties' exchange of information about policies, measures and applications which aim to support SMEs.
- Exchange of experience for activities addressing SMEs
- Exchange of data and publications for SMEs (excluding corporate information about companies)

3.2 Parties may arrange mutual business trips to improve SMEs' commercial relations and encourage joint ventures.

3.3 Parties may inform each other about the business opportunities related to SMEs in their regions.

3.4 Parties may organize training/informing programs for SMEs and SME related organizations.

3.5 Parties may transfer experiences and best practices regarding technology and business incubators, technology parks, business support organizations etc.

3.6 Parties may cooperate with participated international organizations especially in the field of innovation for the benefit of SMEs and may support preparation of joint projects in order to sustain maximum utilization of international funds.

Article 4 – EFFECT AND ENFORCEMENT

4.1 This Memorandum of Understanding is concluded with a view to enhancing and developing cooperation between the Parties and does not constitute an agreement binding upon the States of the Parties under international law. No provision of this Memorandum of Understanding may be interpreted and implemented as creating rights or commitments under international law for the States of the Parties.

4.2 Parties are responsible from the execution of this Memorandum of Understanding on the basis of equality and mutual benefit. The Parties may appoint a coordinating officer within their respective organizations who may be coordinating matters relating to this Memorandum of Understanding. The Parties may work out the practical detail of cooperation between both Parties by consulting each other through designated contact persons to ensure the proper and effective implementation of this Memorandum of Understanding's cooperation areas as agreed upon in Article 3.

4.3 The expenditures of the visits of delegations within the framework of this Memorandum of Understanding do not create any financial obligation for the Party which accepts the delegation.

- 4.4 Parties might add new articles or might take out existing or added articles from this Memorandum of Understanding through mutual consent. Corrections will be provided in writing and will be executed by the parties on the date of signing.
- 4.5 The protection of intellectual property rights will be enforced in conformity with the respective national laws, rules and regulations of Bosnia and Herzegovina and the Islamic Republic of Iran and with other international agreements to which they are by both Parties.
- 4.6 This Memorandum of Understanding does not preclude either Party from entering into any similar arrangement with any other Party.
- 4.7 This Memorandum of Understanding enters into force on the date it is signed. This Memorandum of Understanding may remain in operation for a period of three (3) years. The Parties may notify the other Party if there is a change of address or entity by giving a written notice within fourteen (14) days.
- 4.8 Any inconvenience regarding the interpretation and application of this Memorandum of Understanding may be solved by consultations between the Parties. In case of disobedience to the articles of this Memorandum of Understanding, either Party may terminate this Memorandum of Understanding by notifying the other Party of its intention to terminate this Memorandum of Understanding by a notice in writing through diplomatic channels at least one (1) month prior to its intention to do so.
- 4.9 The validity period of this Memorandum of Understanding may be extended by three-year periods unless one of the Parties notifies in writing three months before the date of expiry that the Memorandum of Understanding be terminated.

4.10 This Memorandum of Understanding consists of four Articles and signed in Tehran on the date of 25 October, 2016 in two copies in Persian and English in Tehran and all texts are equally valid.

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