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**Decree No. (6) of 1987 approving the Media-Cultural Convention between the Government of the State Bahrain and the Government of the Arab Republic of Egypt**

We, Isa bin Salman Al Khalifa, Emir of the State of Bahrain,

Having reviewed the Constitution;

Emiri Order No. (9) of 1987;

And the Media-Cultural Convention between the Government of the State Bahrain and the Government of the Arab Republic of Egypt signed in Cairo on Saturday 15 Jumada al-Akhir 1407 A.H., corresponding to 14 February 1987;

Upon the submission of the Minister of Information;

And after the approval of the Council of Ministers;

**Hereby Decree the following:**

**Article One**

The Media-Cultural Convention between the Government of the State Bahrain and the Government of the Arab Republic of Egypt was signed in Cairo on 15 Jumada al-Akhir 1407 A.H., corresponding to 14 February 1987, attached to this Decree.

**Article Two**

The Minister of Information shall implement this Decree, and it shall come into force from the date of its publication in the Official Gazette.

**Emir of the State of Bahrain**

**Isa bin Salman Al Khalifa**

**Acting Prime Minister**

**Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa**

**Minister of Information**

**Tariq Abdulrahman Almoayyed**

Issued at Riffa Palace:

On: 11 Shawwal 1407 A.H. Corresponding to: 7 June 1987

**Media-Cultural Convention between the Government of the State Bahrain and the Government of the Arab Republic of Egypt**

The Government of the State of Bahrain and the Government of the Arab Republic of Egypt, in view of the binding intimate brotherly relations, and as a desire to consolidate the ties of Arab-Islamic brotherhood and cooperation between their countries in the media and cultural fields, and based on the Charter of the League of Arab States and the decisions of the conferences of Arab Ministers of Information and Culture.

Taking into account the laws and regulations in force in both countries, they have decided on the conclusion of this Convention:

**Article One**

The two parties shall exchange news, data, information and any media materials that would promote Arab-Islamic brotherhood, deepen common Arab and Islamic orientations, and help achieve the goals and ideals pursued by each of the two countries.

**Article Two**

In order to strengthen cooperation between television and radio institutions in both countries, the two parties shall work to:

1-   Exchanging anchors, expertise, technical information, visits and providing possible technical facilities for employees of those institutions in order to perform their professional duties.

2-   Exchanging programs, audio and video recordings, including news, music, singing, plays, talks, seminars and lectures, with a focus on Islamic aspects, in accordance with the rules and systems in force in both countries.

3-   Coordination in the policy of developing programs for non-Arabic speakers, especially speakers of European languages, and that each party shall put its experience in this field at the disposal of the other party.

**Article Three**

Proceeding from the common heritage between the two countries, the two parties shall work to engage in joint bilateral production in the various television and radio fields of interest to the two countries.

They shall have the right to premiere this production in accordance with a plan agreed upon between them.

**Article Four**

With a desire to enrich television and radio programs in both countries with serious and purposeful materials and to spread the Arab and Islamic cultural heritage on a global scale, the two countries shall work to contribute to the production of joint programs of a high artistic level, such as the history of Islamic civilization and mosques in the Islamic world, the interpretation of the Quran and the teaching of the Arabic language.

A committee shall be formed whose members shall be equally selected by a decision of the competent Minister in both countries and whose chairmanship shall rotate between the two parties. It shall be competent to lay the foundations of this production and follow up its implementation.

**Article Five**

The two parties shall undertake to exert their joint efforts in the field of journalism, publications, publishing and news agencies in the following matters:

1-         Encouraging the publication of news and information related to each of the two countries in local newspapers and magazines.

2-         Facilitating the access and regular distribution of newspapers and magazines issued in each of the two countries.

3-         Exchanging publications and press releases issued in each of the two countries on an ongoing basis.

4-         Benefiting from expertise among press institutions and facilitating the task of correspondents and journalists.

5- Regulating the cooperation between the national news agencies of the two countries.

**Article Six**

The two parties shall work to include in the media programs with a sufficient amount of information about the two countries historically, geographically and in aspects of contemporary activity in order to deepen common understanding and confirm the existing links between the two brotherly countries from civilization and history.

**Article Seven**

The two parties shall encourage the holding of each other's cultural information weeks in the other party's country through:

i.               Exchanging films, radio and television programs, lectures and seminars.

ii.     Holding poetry, music and singing evenings and exhibitions of books and plastic art in coordination between the concerned authorities in both countries.

iii.    Enhancing cooperation between national libraries and exchanging research, experiences, documents and manuscripts in science, arts, and literature, in coordination between the concerned authorities in both countries.

iv.    Cooperating in the prospecting and maintenance of antiquities and exchanging information, experiences and archaeological exhibits of historical value between art museums in both countries, in coordination between the concerned authorities in both countries.

**Article Eight**

The two sides shall coordinate their media positions in regional and international organizations and conferences.

**Article Nine**

In order to coordinate the media and cultural policy between the two countries, each party shall inform the other of the legislations, regulations, systems, regulations and research in the media and cultural fields.

**Article Ten**

The contracting parties shall work to stimulate and develop tourism between the two countries through the media in a manner that helps encouraging and facilitating school and cultural tourism trips and scout tours which shall be carried out in coordination between the competent authorities in the two countries.

**Article Eleven**

In implementation of the provisions of this Convention, a joint media committee shall be formed from both countries, which shall meet in Manama and Cairo alternately once a year or whenever necessary. The committee shall submit recommendations to the officials to issue the necessary decisions on the method of work and the implementation of the Convention and to propose new aspects of cooperation between the two parties in the media and cultural fields.

**Article Twelve**

This Convention shall come into force from the date of completion of the legal procedures in both countries for a period of five years, and shall be automatically renewed for the same period unless one of the parties notifies the other party in writing of its desire to terminate it at least six months prior to its expiry.

The Convention was done on Saturday fifteenth of Jumada al-Akhir of 1407 H., corresponding to the fourteenth of February 1987, in two original copies in the Arabic language.

For the government of the State of Bahrain

Tariq Abdulrahman

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For the government of the Arab Republic of Egypt

Mohamed Safwat Al Sherif

Minister of Information