

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
IN THE FIELD OF HEALTH
BETWEEN
THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH OF THE ITALIAN REPUBLIC
AND
THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH OF THE KINGDOM OF SAUDI ARABIA**

The Ministry of Health of the Italian Republic and the Ministry of Health of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, (hereinafter referred to as “The Parties”), seeking to boost friendly relations between their respective Countries and to develop mutual cooperation in the field of health, in accordance to laws, national policies, rules and regulations of each Country,

AGREED to the following:

ARTICLE 1

The two Parties shall encourage mutual collaboration in the fields covered by this Memorandum of Understanding, with particular emphasis on:

1. The exchange of information on training opportunities for health personnel and development of joint training programmes;
2. The exchange of expertise, scientific meetings, visits of experts and information on findings of research programmes and international conferences, particularly in the field of blood diseases, organ transplant, non-transmissible diseases and public health;
3. The exchange of information and expertise and organization of training courses in the areas of pharmaceutical control and control of medical requisites and equipment at the manufacturing of medicines, medical equipment and requisites;
4. The facilitation of medical treatment of difficult cases, including cancers, genetic diseases and malformations of urinary apparatus in children.

ARTICLE 2

The two Parties will implement all aspects of collaboration within the framework of this Memorandum of Understanding.

These activities will be implemented within the limits of funds available in the respective budgets of the two Parties.

Each Party will fully cover all the expenses for the visits of its representatives to the other Country.

ARTICLE 3

The Parties will set up a monitoring and co-ordination joint Committee that will be entrusted to define collaboration priorities by drafting action plans. The Committee will work in coordination with the heads of the Joint Italian-Saudi Committee in both Countries. It will include at least three members for each Party and will be headed, for each Party, by a Ministry of Health's senior official. This Committee will meet as agreed upon by the Parties, not more than once a year.

ARTICLE 4

This Memorandum of Understanding shall be valid for five years. It shall be effective thirty days after the date of last exchange of notice to ensure finalization of the necessary regular procedures. It shall be enforced automatically for similar periods, unless one of the two Parties has notified its written renunciation at least three months before the expiry date.

Should this Memorandum of Understanding be terminated, its provisions shall remain valid with respect to joint programmes and any linked commitments until such commitments have been fulfilled.

Done at Rome, on November 6, 2007, corresponding to 25 Shawwal 1428H, in two originals, each in Italian, Arabic and English languages, all texts being equally authentic. In case of divergence on interpretation, the English text shall prevail.

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