

**Treaty establishing the Joint Yemeni-Eritrean Committee for Bilateral
Cooperation between the Government of the Republic of Yemen and the
Government of the State of Eritrea
16 October 1998**

Based on the progressive civilized example set by bilateral relations between the Republic of Yemen and the State of Eritrea, and Affirming their shared desire to continue to strengthen and reinforce these relations in service to their common interests, and Aware of the importance of strengthening and developing bilateral cooperation in all fields of mutual concern, The two parties have agreed to the following:

Article 1

The two parties shall form a Joint Committee for Bilateral Cooperation between them in all fields of mutual concern, containing representatives of each party, to be called the Joint Yemeni-Eritrean Committee for Bilateral Cooperation, hereinafter referred to as the "Joint Committee," with the two Ministers of Foreign Affairs presiding. The Ministry of Planning and Development from the Yemeni side and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs from the Eritrean side, with the presence of required assistants, shall have jurisdiction over the secretariat and monitor implementation of Joint Committee results.

Article 2

The Joint Committee shall assume the following tasks:

1. Studying programs and recommendations designed to expand bilateral cooperation between the two countries and signing agreements, protocols, and implementation programs in that regard.
2. Monitoring the implementation of agreements, protocols, memoranda of understanding and minutes signed between the two countries in the fields referenced in Paragraph 1 of this Article.
3. Discussing proposals submitted by either country with the purpose of strengthening and developing the horizons of cooperation between them in all various fields of mutual interest.
4. Encouraging the exchange of bilateral visits and meetings between officials of both countries, and exchanging information and documents relevant to joint cooperation relations.

Article 3

1. The Committee may form permanent and temporary subcommittees and work teams to carry out certain specific tasks in the framework of Joint Committee work.
2. The subcommittees and work teams referred to in Paragraph 1 of this Article shall submit their recommendations to the Joint Committee for approval.

Article 4

The draft agenda for each round of exchanging recommendations shall be prepared through diplomatic channels and shall be submitted sufficiently in advance of the convening of the round. The Joint Committee may assign a technical committee from both sides to prepare for its meetings.

Article 5

The Joint Committee shall convene its round annually, alternating between Sanaa and Asmara. Special minutes shall be prepared for each round, signed by the chairmen of both sides on the Joint Committee, and approved by the relevant authorities in both countries pursuant to the laws and regulations in effect in each country.

Article 6

This treaty shall come into force on the date the ratification instruments are exchanged in accordance with the constitutional procedures in effect in each country. It shall remain in force for five (5) years and shall be renewed automatically for identical periods, provided neither party informs the other party in writing of its desire to terminate the treaty six months prior to its expiration date. Any additions or amendments to the articles of this treaty shall only be made with the written approval of both parties thereto.

The treaty has been drawn up in Sanaa on Friday, 25 Jumada II 1419, equivalent to 16 October 1998, in two original copies in the Arabic language, both having equal legal weight.

For the Government of the State of Eritrea

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