

The Ministry of Environment of the Republic of Lebanon and the Organization of Environment of the Islamic Republic of Iran.

(Hereinafter referred to as the Parties):

Noting the global of environmental deterioration and its potential threat to mankind;

Recalling the goal of sustainable development as set forward at the 1992 United Nations Conference on Environment and Development in Rio de Janeiro and Reinforced at Johannesburg Summit;

Recognizing the need for sound environmental coordination of social and economic developments world wide;

Being aware that the realization of this goal requires intensive cooperation on both bilateral and multilateral levels;

Believing that the Islamic Republic of Iran and the Republic of Lebanon can contribute substantially to the international endeavor to create an environment-friendly world;

Wishing to strengthen the bilateral cooperation in the field of environment and promote greater sharing of knowledge and experience;

Convinced that environmental cooperation would generate mutual benefits across all sectors of society;

Have agreed as follows:

**Memorandum of Understanding
Between
The Ministry of Environment
of
The Republic of Lebanon
and
The Organization of
Environment
of
The Islamic Republic of Iran**

6- Environmental education and training programs;

7- Environmental Impact Assessment;

8- Exchange of experience on desertification;

9- Cooperation and exchange of experience on protection of marine environment;

Article 3

Cooperative activities under this Memorandum of Understanding will be based on the following forms:

1- Organization of workshops, lectures and training courses;

2 - Research on areas on common interest;

3- Organization of visits by and exchange of environmental experts;

4- Arrangement of consultation in line with global environmental negotiation processes;

5- Promotion of mutual participation in environmental exhibitions;

6- Support of private sector bilateral cooperative projects and

7- Exchange of information and publications on the environmental policies.

Article 4

The Organization of Environment of the Islamic Republic of Iran, and the Ministry of Environment of the Republic of Lebanon

Article 1

The Parties will maintain and enhance bilateral cooperation in the field of environment on the basis of equality and mutual benefit with due respect for and taking into account the differences in environmental policies, social and economic conditions of the two parties.

Article 2

The following areas have been identified as mutual priority areas of cooperation.

1- Information exchange on development of environmental technologies and policies in the areas of air, water, waste water, soil pollution management and nature conservation;

2- Information exchange on improved method and systems of quality control of environmental management programs of large scale projects.

3- Promotion of clean technologies, transport and recycling (waste reduction, elimination and substitute of hazardous materials, etc);

4- Cooperation and exchange of experience on eco-tourism;

5- Joint research on biosphere, endangered ecosystems, natural resources, wild life, conservation of biodiversity and national park management;

months in advance of its termination.

The termination of the Memorandum of Understanding will not prejudice the development of the ongoing projects, which will be completed in accordance under the agreed terms and conditions.

Article 8

This Memorandum of Understanding shall enter into force on the first day of the second month after the Contracting Parties have notified each other in writing through the diplomatic channels that the constitutional requirements for the entry into force of this Memorandum of Understanding have been met.

In witness thereof the undersigned Representatives, duly authorized by their respective Governments, have signed this Memorandum of Understanding.

Done at Beirut on 12/5/2003 A.D. equals 22/2/1382 Solar Hija Year in two original copies in Arabic, Farsi and English Languages, all of them being equally authentic. In case of discrepancy, the English text shall prevail.

For the Government
of the Islamic Republic
of Iran

For The Government
of The Republic
of Lebanon



are appointed by the two parties, as respective coordinators at national level, for the implementation of this Memorandum.

Both coordinators will maintain close contact with each other and periodically review on-going cooperative activities in order to formulate effective future cooperative activities. It might be appropriate to arrange a coordinator meeting on an ad-hoc basis.

Article 5

Cooperative activities under this Memorandum of Understanding will be subject to availability of appropriate resources of each party and to the applicable laws and legal provisions of each country.

Article 6

The provisions of this Memorandum do not prejudice the rights and the commitments of the parties arising from the international conventions stipulated by them with third countries.

Any disputes arising from execution or interpretation of this agreement will be settled by negotiations between the two parties.

Article 7

This Memorandum will be valid for five years (and it can be renewed for the same period).

Each party can denounce in writing the Agreement three