

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING FOR JUDICIAL COOPERATION

BETWEEN

THE SUPREME COURT OF THE REPUBLIC OF SINGAPORE

AND

ABU DHABI GLOBAL MARKET COURTS

The Supreme Court of the Republic of Singapore and the Abu Dhabi Global Market Courts (hereinafter referred to individually as “Party” and collectively as “Parties”);

RECOGNISING the excellent bilateral relations between the Parties;

DESIRING to enhance the cooperation between the Parties to promote the efficient administration of justice in their respective jurisdictions;

CONVINCED OF the value of close cooperation for mutual benefit in the field of administration of justice;

RECOGNISING the principles of mutual respect for equality, exclusive jurisdiction and sovereignty of each Party over its own areas of competence;

HAVE REACHED THE FOLLOWING UNDERSTANDING:

ARTICLE 1

The Parties shall continuously strengthen the levels of exchanges and expand the scope of cooperation between them within the limits of their respective functions and powers and the framework of friendly relations between the Parties.

ARTICLE 2

Delegations from one Party may visit the other with a view to promoting regular exchanges and interactions between the Parties.

ARTICLE 3

The Parties shall encourage cooperation in the form of exchanging experiences and discussing matters of common interest.

The Parties may work together to exchange experiences and discussions on matters such as, but not limited to:

- (a) the comparison of judicial systems and reforms in the Parties' respective jurisdictions;
- (b) the effective and proper implementation of technology in the administration of justice;
- (c) the training of judges and officers concerned with the administration of justice and the courts; and
- (d) research on trends in dispute resolution.

Through consultation between the Parties, the Parties may identify and mutually agree, from time-to-time, to exchange experiences and discuss matters of common interest in other areas of mutual concern.

ARTICLE 4

Where an international conference or seminar is held by one Party, the other Party will endeavour to send its representatives to attend.

ARTICLE 5

The Party receiving a delegation will endeavour to provide such administrative and other forms of assistance as is permissible in their respective jurisdictions in making local arrangements for accommodation, transportation and other hospitalities for the visiting delegation of the other Party. Except when the Parties agree otherwise, each Party shall be responsible for the expenses of international travel, accommodation, local transportation, medical and other costs and expenses of its own delegations visiting the other Party.

ARTICLE 6

The Parties shall regularly exchange information on their judgments and cases concerning topics that are of mutual interest as mutually determined by both Parties from time-to-time through consultation.

ARTICLE 7

This Memorandum of Understanding ("MOU") does not create any binding legal obligations on the Parties. Any disputes arising out of this MOU will be resolved by the Parties amicably through consultation based on the principles of mutual understanding and respect.

ARTICLE 8

This MOU shall commence on the date of this MOU and shall remain in force for a period of three (3) years ("Initial Term"). This MOU shall automatically renew for successive periods of three (3) years (each a "Renewed Term"), unless either Party gives the other Party a notice in writing of its intent for the MOU not to be renewed at least three (3) months before the end of the Initial Term or Renewed Term.

Either Party may also terminate this MOU by giving the other Party six (6) months' notice in writing.

The termination or expiry of this MOU shall not affect the implementation of activities which had already been agreed upon prior to the date of termination or expiry, or which are ongoing at the aforementioned date.

This MOU may be varied in writing and any such variation shall be signed by both Parties.

SIGNED on the 8th day of March 2017.

**Justice Quentin Loh
on behalf of
Sundaresh Menon
Chief Justice
Supreme Court
Republic of Singapore**

**Lord Saville of Newdigate PC
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on of
Lord Hope of Craighead KT
Chief Justice
Abu Dhabi Global Market Courts**

