AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF SUDAN AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF INDIA FOR COOPERATION IN THE FIELD OF DEVELOPMENT OF SMALL SCALE ENTERPRISES SECTOR IN SUDAN

The Government of the Republic of Sudan and the Government of the Republic of India

Conscious of the historical, close and friendly relations existing between the two countries,

Desirous of further expanding and strengthening bilateral cooperation in areas of economic, rural and industrial development,

Aware that the South-south co-operation is an appropriate mechanism of promoting accelerated economic growth and development in view of common economic and social problems and similar solutions applicable to developing countries,

Recalling the significant contribution that the development of Small Scale Enterprise Sector can make not merely for the national economic growth but also for alleviating the problems of unemployment,

Taking into consideration the successful experience gained by India in the small industries sector, and the expressed intention and willingness of Sudan to benefit from such experience,

Desiring to promote greater cooperation between the two countries in the promotion and development of small-scale industries.

Have agreed as follows:

Article (1)

The two Governments through their respective Ministry of National Industry and Investment in Sudan and the Ministry of Small Scale Industries and Agro and Rural Industries in India, directly or

through their designated enterprises or institutions, will work closely with a view to identifying and establishing a suitable mechanism for the development and promotion of small industries in Sudan, on mutually agreed terms.

Article (2)

On mutually agreed terms, Sudan will be provided necessary information and consultancies, as and when required, including a possible establishment of a common facility centre with technical expertise, equipment, training and personnel.

Article (3)

The contracting parties and their duly authorised and mandated enterprises and institutions will cooperate in all relevant areas, but not limited to the following:

- (a) Capacity building, especially in the field of engineering design and manufacture of proto-types with special reference to smal-scale industries.
- (b) Establishment of industrial estates in different states and rural areas.
- © Cooperation in the establishment of certain industries and factories according to the relevant programmes and priorities and using, inter-alia, resources available in the Sudan.

Article (4)

On mutually agreed terms, training of manpower in different areas will be provided, including quality control, project planning, industrial management, technology transfer and electronic industries.

Article (5)

On mutually agreed terms, the contracting parties will exchange specialists and experts in conformity with the industrial policy and programmes of the two Governments.

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Article (6)

The parties will work closely with a view to enhancing the business linkages between the micro, small and medium scale enterprises of the respective countries, and will identify suitable projects and programmes to facilitate the setting up of joint ventures, franchise arrangements and importation and exportation of products between small enterprises in Sudan and India.

Article (7)

The parties will closely work to facilitate the exchange of delegations, official and private, to acquaint themselves with the various facilities available, for the long-standing cooperation among the concerned enterprises and institutions.

Article (8)

The parties or designated institutions will undertake, when necessary, periodical review of the progress and evaluate the impact of the activities.

Article (9)

The parties may collaborate in respect of any other related activity in order to strengthen and sustain the promotion of small-scale industries.

Article (10)

This Agreement shall enter into force from the date of the fulfillment of the required legal procedures in both contracting parties.

Article (11)

This Agreement shall remain in force for an indefinite duration unless one of the contracting parties notifies the other in writing not less than six months in advance, of its intention to terminate it.

In witness whereof, the respective representatives of the two Governments have signed this Agreement.

Done at Khartoum, on 9th April 2000 in two original texts each in Hindi and English Languages. All texts being equally authentic, in case of divergence in interpretation the English text shall prevail.

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