

Declaration of Intent
on
Safety and Firefighting
between
the Government of Islamic Republic of Iran
and
the Autonomous Region Friuli Venezia Giulia
and
the Port Authority of Trieste

Preamble

The Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran and the Autonomous Region Friuli Venezia Giulia and the Port Authority of Trieste hereinafter referred to as "the Parties"; regarding the importance of cooperation and coordination in the field of safety and firefighting of the ports, necessity of taking required measures for acceleration and effectiveness of the safety and firefighting services in ports as well as desire of the three Parties to develop and expand their relations and utilizing existing resources, bilateral cooperation and improving the level of safety and firefighting services in ports, came to an understanding as follows:

Article 1
Definitions

For the purpose of this Declaration of intent, the meaning of the terms will be as follows:

- a. "Port" means a place which has port location and facilities and is open to international merchant shipping.
- b. "Firefighting operation" means series of operation which a firefighting unit performs to control the operation of loading, unloading and warehousing of all types of goods in quays and operational areas of port including special and dangerous goods under the IMDG CODE class, and extinguish the fire completely and relief and rescue the injured.
- c. "Safety" means any all issues and cases the observance of which lead to prevention and/or reduction of risks arising from human, software and hardware errors.
- d. "Firefighting unit" means a collection of respective personnel and equipment organizing a firefighting unit or station.
- e. "Competent Authorities of the Parties" are:

- For the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran, the Ministry of Roads and Transport, Ports and Maritime Organization.
- For the Autonomous Region Friuli Venezia Giulia and the Port Authority of Trieste, the regional authorities concerned according the Italian legislation.

Article 2

Common objectives

The objective of this Declaration of Intent is development of regional cooperation in order to perform educational programs and carry out joint safety and firefighting maneuvers.

Article 3

Technical and Educational Cooperation

1. The Parties agreed to endeavor in the fields of bilateral technical cooperation, specialized training, management of safety and firefighting services of the ports and mutual visits from centers operating in this field.
2. In order to exchange ideas and perform joint studies in the technical fields, the Parties will strive to use all of their resources to achieve those objectives.
3. The Parties will endeavor to cooperate, exchange information and experiences and dispatch expertise delegations of the three Parties and the Competent Authorities of the Parties in the fields of safety and firefighting.
4. In order to update the information of their safety and firefighting experts and units, the Parties agreed to invite annually the experts and commanders of firefighting units of the other Party and Competent Authorities of the Parties, so that by preparing predetermined guidelines they can participate in joint maneuvers.
5. In order to improve the operational level of firefighters and increase the job motivations, the Parties agreed to invite operational-sports teams of firefighters of the other Party to participate in competitions of firefighters of the ports.
6. All related costs that could derive from the present Declaration of Intent are to be understood at the expenses of the Parties and not at the expense of the respective States.

Article 4

Joint Committee

The Parties agreed to invite to establish a joint committee comprising the managers, experts and commanders of firefighting units and the Competent Authorities of the Parties operating in field of safety and firefighting of the ports of the two Parties to be held periodically and alternately in the territories of the Parties in order to benefit from the experiences and present appropriate mechanisms for utilization of potentialities as well as discuss, negotiate and

exchange ideas about following up of the issues referred to in this Declaration of Intent.

Article 5
Relation to other Agreements

This Declaration of Intent will operate in accordance with applicable international law obligations and in full compliance with the national legislation of both Parties and, as far as Italy is concerned, in compliance with obligations arising from Italy's membership to the European Union.

Article 6
Disputes settlement

Any divergence in interpretation or performance of this Declaration of Intent will be settled through negotiations between the competent authorities of the Parties and through diplomatic channels.

Article 7
Amendments

This Declaration of Intent may be amended only by written request of either Party, and written mutual agreement of the Parties. The amendments will be done in writing and will enter into force on date of its signature by the Parties and constitute an integral part of this Declaration of Intent.

Article 8
Entry into effect and termination

- 1-This Declaration of Intent will become effective on date of its signature.
- 2-This Declaration of Intent is concluded for a period of 3 years and after the said period it will automatically be renewed for another 3-year period, unless one of the Parties informs its termination in writing to the other Party. In this case the Declaration of Intent will be considered as terminated 3 months after the said notification.

This Declaration of Intent comprising of a preamble and 8 Articles was made in duplicate in English language, in Rome on 25 January 2016

For
the the Autonomous Region Friuli
Venezia Giulia
President Debora Serracchiani


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For
the Port Authority of Trieste
Commissioner D'Agostino


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For
the Government of
the Islamic Republic of Iran
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