

**Memorandum of Understanding  
To Cooperate On Maritime Issues  
Between  
The Government of the Republic of Singapore  
And  
The Government of the Kingdom of Denmark**

The Government of the Republic of Singapore,  
And the Government of the Kingdom of Denmark  
(Hereinafter referred to singularly as the 'Party' and collectively as the 'Parties')

Desiring to strengthen the friendly relations between the two countries,

Recognizing the great significance of cooperation and desiring to create the most appropriate conditions for the development hereof,

Confirming their interest in supporting and developing strategic cooperation in the maritime sector based on the mutual interests of their respective countries,

Have reached the following mutual understandings:

**Article 1  
Objective**

The Parties will create favorable conditions for long-term cooperation on maritime issues for the mutual benefits of the two countries.

**Article 2  
Fields of Cooperation**

The Parties will, in accordance with the laws, regulations, rules, procedure and established policies prevailing in their respective countries, cooperate in the following fields:

**a. Promotion of Free Market Access for International Maritime Transport**

The Parties share a commitment to free market access for international maritime transport and a profound belief in free market access without competition distortion as a prerequisite for global growth.

The Parties agree to work together to promote the principles of free market access for international shipping in international trade policy fora and in bilateral and multilateral trade negotiations concerning issues of interest to the maritime industries.

#### b. Quality Shipping

The Parties have substantial interests in quality shipping. The Parties subscribe to high standards of safety and security on board ships, and to ensuring the health and protection of seafarers and shipping on clean oceans.

The Parties are committed to promote in international maritime fora the drive for cleaner and safer maritime transport. The Parties agree that Port State Control is a fundamental and important tool in eliminating sub-standard shipping internationally and creating a safe environment at sea and will strengthen the exchange of expertise and information sharing on the Port State Control activities carried out by the Parties. Furthermore, the Parties will enhance cooperation and share their experiences on administrative best practices for safeguarding quality shipping under the flags of each Party.

#### c. Green Shipping

Being responsible members of the international maritime community, the Parties are cognizant of the mutual interest in cooperating and encouraging the use of clean and green shipping practices to reduce the environmental impact of shipping and related activities.

The Parties are supportive of international measures developed by the International Maritime Organization (IMO) to engage in clean and green shipping activities, and will endeavour to promote, support and implement them.

#### d. Maritime Research, Development, Education and Training (RDET)

The Parties concur that maritime competences are important for safe maritime transport, and for maintaining maritime clusters in the Party States.

The Parties will, within the capabilities and national frameworks and regulations of the Parties, cooperate in the field of RDET, to ensure the development of future maritime competencies in the Party States. On the basis of mutual benefit, both Parties encourage exchanges of best practice and cooperation between educational institutions with relevance for the maritime sector in the Party States.

Such cooperation may include jointly establishing specific R&D programmes or projects of mutual interest, either between the Parties themselves or between research institutions, universities, private sector firms or other relevant organisations other

than the Parties, in the areas of maritime technology, which include environment and clean energy, navigational safety, shipping operations, logistics and other maritime-related fields; and jointly organising educational and training courses, exchange programmes, industrial attachments, seminars, symposia or conferences related to the fields of maritime and shipping, which may involve researchers, students, academia and other experts in the maritime industry.

e. Cooperation in International and Regional Fora

The parties agree to build and maintain a close relationship on various global issues based on common understandings and participation in international and regional fora.

This may include cooperation in international forums such as the IMO, the Regional Cooperation Agreement on Combating Piracy and Armed Robbery against Ships in Asia and the Co-operative Mechanism on Safety of Navigation and Environmental Protection in the Straits of Malacca and Singapore, including the Aids to Navigation Fund Committee.

f. Other Areas of Cooperation

The Parties may also carry out discussions and cooperation on other areas of mutual interest as agreed upon.

**Article 3**  
**Representative Agencies and Coordination**

The Parties, represented by relevant government agencies involved in maritime issues (primarily the Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore and the Danish Maritime Authority), will meet at regular intervals, for deliberation on the fields of cooperation mentioned in Article 2 or on any other fields of cooperation.

**Article 4**  
**General Provisions**

1. This Memorandum of Understanding is not intended to create any legally binding obligations.
2. This Memorandum of Understanding will be carried out within the framework of the respective laws and regulations of the two Parties and will be subject to the availability of appropriated funds and personnel of the Parties.

**Article 5**  
**Other Agreements**

This Memorandum of Understanding will have no effect on other agreements and memoranda between both Parties and also those entered into or will be entered into by any of the Parties with a third party.

**Article 6**  
**Settlement of Disputes**

Any dispute or difference that may arise out of the implementation of this Memorandum of Understanding will be settled amicably through consultations between the Parties.

**Article 7**  
**Amendments**

This Memorandum of Understanding may be amended at any time, by the mutual consent, in writing, of the Parties. Any amendments to this Memorandum of Understanding will come into effect upon the exchange of written notes between the Parties.

**Article 8**  
**Effective Date, Duration and Termination**

1. This Memorandum of Understanding will come into effect on the date of signing and will continue to have effect for a period of one (1) year and will be automatically renewed for successive periods of one year or other similar periods jointly decided by the Parties.

2. This Memorandum of Understanding may be terminated by either Party giving two (2) months notice in writing.

3. The termination of this Memorandum of Understanding will not affect the implementation of any programmes or projects made under this Memorandum of Understanding which are in progress at the time of the notification of such termination.

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

Signed at...., on the... of.... in two (2) original copies, each in the English and Danish languages, all texts being equally valid. In the event of a dispute, the English language text shall prevail.

For the Government of the Republic of  
Singapore

For the Government of the Kingdom of  
Denmark

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**Lui Tuck Yew**  
Minister for Transport

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**Ole Christian Liep Sohn**  
Minister of Business and Growth