AGREEMENT OF COOPERATION
between
THE AMERICAN ARBITRATION ASSOCIATION
and
THE GCC COMMERCIAL ARBITRATION CENTRE

Being convinced that a wider use of commercial arbitration through fair and expeditious procedures lends confidence and stability to international trade, the American Arbitration Association and the G.C.C. Commercial Arbitration Centre agree as follows:

1. To exchange information with each other concerning training and programme development activities;

2. To, when so requested, recommend resource persons to each other for active participation in seminars, conferences or training activities;

3. To co-operate in organizing professional and educational activities such as seminars, lectures and conferences and to assist each other, whenever required, in making such events successful. The details of the co-operation and any financial obligations shall be agreed on a case-by-case basis;

4. To encourage their members to participate actively in the other's functions and activities;

5. To exchange, at no charge, publications, information material and reference documents concerning international and domestic commercial arbitration;

6. To, when so requested, recommend other resource persons in specific fields to act in the capacity of technical expert, conciliator or arbitrator;

7. To, when so requested, provide administrative and other services necessary for conducting arbitration proceedings. Expenses incurred in providing these services will be charged to the relevant party; and

8. To, when so requested, provide administrative services for recording of evidence, storage of documents, etc.

Each party will assume the expenses of its own participation in the implementation of this Agreement.

Each party agrees to duly and appropriately publicize the facilities available under this Agreement in its respective country.

This Agreement will take effect upon signature and has an initial duration of one year, after which time it will remain in effect until either party gives notice of its intention to discuss an amendment to or cancellation of the Agreement.

This Agreement shall be prepared in two authentic copies in the English language.

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