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Austria
and
King Abdullah Bin Abdulaziz International Centre for
Interreligious and Intercultural Dialogue

Agreement between the Republic of Austria and the King Abdullah Bin Abdulaziz International Centre for Interreligious and Intercultural Dialogue regarding the seat of the King Abdullah Bin Abdulaziz International Centre for Interreligious and Intercultural Dialogue in Austria (with annex). Vienna, 18 December 2012

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Accord entre la République d'Autriche et le Centre international du Roi Abdallah Ben Abdelaziz pour le dialogue interculturel et interreligieux concernant le siège du Centre international du Roi Abdallah Ben Abdelaziz pour le dialogue interculturel et interreligieux en Autriche (avec annexe). Vienne, 18 décembre 2012

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**AGREEMENT
BETWEEN THE REPUBLIC OF AUSTRIA
AND
THE KING ABDULLAH BIN ABDULAZIZ INTERNATIONAL CENTRE FOR
INTERRELIGIOUS AND INTERCULTURAL DIALOGUE
REGARDING THE SEAT OF THE KING ABDULLAH BIN ABDULAZIZ
INTERNATIONAL CENTRE FOR INTERRELIGIOUS AND INTERCULTURAL
DIALOGUE IN AUSTRIA**

Preamble

The Republic of Austria and the King Abdullah bin Abdulaziz International Centre for Interreligious and Intercultural Dialogue (hereinafter referred to as the “Centre”),

HAVING REGARD to the Agreement for the establishment of the King Abdullah bin Abdulaziz International Centre for Interreligious and Intercultural Dialogue of 13 October 2011 (hereinafter referred to as the “Agreement Establishing the Centre”);

WITH REGARD to the commitment of the Centre to promote mutual respect and understanding among different religious and cultural groups;

NOTING that Article III of the Agreement Establishing the Centre provides that the Centre shall be located in Vienna, Austria;

DESIRING to define the status, privileges and immunities of the Centre in the Republic of Austria and to enable the Centre to fulfil its purposes and functions;

HAVE AGREED as follows:

Article 1
Definitions

For the purpose of this Agreement:

- a) "Agreement Establishing the Centre" means the Agreement for the establishment of the King Abdullah bin Abdulaziz International Centre for Interreligious and Intercultural Dialogue of 13 October 2011, entered into force on 21 October 2012, and any amendments thereto;
- b) "Austrian authorities" means such federal, state, municipal or other authorities in the Republic of Austria as may be appropriate in the context, and in accordance with the laws and customs applicable in the Republic of Austria;
- c) "Staff members of the Centre" means all staff members of the Centre as well as all persons seconded by a Government or an international organization to the Centre, but does not include those employees who are locally recruited and assigned to hourly rates;
- d) "Official activities" means any activities necessary for carrying out the purpose of the Centre as set forth in the Agreement Establishing the Centre;
- e) "Official Visitors" means representatives of Governments and international organizations co-operating with the Centre as well as visiting representatives of major religions and faith-based and cultural institutions and experts, including visiting lecturers, who are invited by the Centre;
- f) "Official documents, data and other material" means such documents, data and other items used by the Centre for carrying out the purpose of the Centre;
- g) "Seat" comprises the land, installations and offices that the Centre occupies for its activities in accordance with Article 3.

Article 2
Legal capacity and status

The Republic of Austria recognizes the legal capacity of the Centre as an International Organisation within Austria, in particular its capacity:

- a) to contract;
- b) to acquire and dispose of immovable and movable property;
- c) to institute and respond to legal proceedings; and
- d) to take such other action as may be necessary or useful for its purpose and activities.

Article 3
Seat

- 1) The Seat area shall be defined by common understanding between the Centre and the Government of the Republic of Austria.
- 2) All office and conference premises in Austria used with the agreement of the Government for meetings convened by the Centre shall be deemed temporarily to form part of the Seat.

Article 4
Inviolability of the Seat

- 1) The Seat of the Centre shall be inviolable. No officer or official of the Republic of Austria, or other person exercising any public authority within the Republic of Austria, may enter the Seat to perform any duties except with the consent of, and under conditions approved by the Secretary General of the Centre. However, in the event of fire or other such emergency, such consent shall be deemed to have been given if immediate protective measures are required.

- 2) Except as otherwise provided in this Agreement and subject to the power of the Centre to make regulations, the laws of the Republic of Austria shall apply within the Seat.
- 3) Instruments issued by Austrian authorities may be served at the Seat premises.

Article 5
Immunity from jurisdiction and other actions

- 1) The Centre shall have immunity from jurisdiction and enforcement, except:
 - a) to the extent that, in accordance with Article 20 (2) of this Agreement, the Centre shall have expressly waived such immunity in a particular case;
 - b) in the case of civil action brought by a third party for damages resulting from an accident caused by a motor vehicle belonging to, or operated on behalf of, the Centre, or in respect of any infringement of regulations governing the keeping, operation and use of motor vehicles;
 - c) in the case of attachment, pursuant to a decision by the administrative or judicial authorities, of the salary, emoluments or indemnities owed by the Centre to a staff member, unless the Centre informs the Austrian authorities within 14 days of the date on which it is notified of said decision that it does not waive its immunity.
- 2) Without prejudice to paragraphs 1 and 3 of this Article, the property and assets of the Centre, wherever situated, shall be immune from any form of seizure, confiscation, expropriation and sequestration.
- 3) The property and assets of the Centre shall also be immune from any form of administrative or provisional judicial restraint.