

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MoU)
ON SISTER SEAPORT RELATION AND COOPERATION
AMONG THE PORTS OF BAKU (THE REPUBLIC OF
AZERBAIJAN), AKTAU (THE REPUBLIC OF KAZAKHSTAN)
AND SAMSUN (THE REPUBLIC OF TURKEY)

GATHERED:

ON BEHALF OF BAKU INTERNATIONAL SEA TRADE PORT OF THE REPUBLIC OF AZERBAIJAN: Mr. Elchin MIRZAYEV, General Director.

ON BEHALF OF AKTAU INTERNATIONAL TRADE SEA PORT OF THE REPUBLIC OF KAZAKHSTAN: Mr. Kairiden NURKENOV, Representative of the Authorized Person.

ON BEHALF OF SAMSUN INTERNATIONAL PORT OF THE REPUBLIC OF TURKEY: Mr. Suat Hayri AKA, Deputy Undersecretary of the Ministry of Transport, Maritime Affairs and Communications of the Republic of Turkey.

IN ASSEMBLY, for the purpose of signing a non-binding **Sister Seaports Memorandum of Understanding** (hereinafter referred to as MoU) among Baku International Sea Trade Port, Aktau International Sea Port and Samsun International Port under the following terms:

1. This document will officially link the Port of the Republic of Azerbaijan, the Republic of Kazakhstan and the Republic of Turkey through a Sister Seaports MoU.

2. Aktau International Sea Port, through its Director and duly elected officials, Baku International Sea Trade Port, through its Director and duly elected officials, and Samsun International Port, through its Director and duly elected officials shall execute the Sister Seaports MoU. The provision of this article shall be implemented and construed in conformity with the legislation, practices and policies of the Parties.

3. Each port will commit to the free and uninhibited exchange of information pertaining to: the cargo and cruise industries in each port; historical and statistical information pertaining to each port; planned seaport infrastructure developments and general marketing research, aimed at increasing cruise and cargo traffic at each of the ports.

4. Each port will study the possibility of creating the technical and financial means, by way of joint ventures or other business arrangements, to promote the traffic and port activities covered in this document.

5. Each port will work toward the formation of technical working groups to exchange educational visits and act as facilitators between the ports.

6. Each port will promote the relationship and advantages of doing business among the Sister Seaports.

7. Through the mutual consent of Sister Seaports, additional areas of cooperation and partnering may be spelled out as a part of this MoU.

The parties consider of the utmost interest the creation of a working group, made up of representatives from each party, for the express purpose of putting into practice the purposes of this MoU.

The parties agree that this MoU is an expression of goodwill and cooperation and not intended to constitute a legal contract or agreement or otherwise set forth any legally binding rights or obligations.

Done in Baku on 3rd of July 2013 in three original copies in English language.



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