TERMS OF A MEMO OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN

THE REGIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR THE PROTECTION OF THE MARINE ENVIRONMENT AND

THE REGIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR THE CONSERVATION OF THE ENVIRONMENT OF THE RED SEA AND GULF OF ADEN (PERSGA)
1. The Executive Secretary of the Regional Organization for the Protection of the Marine Environment (ROPME) and the Executive Secretary of the Authority for the Protection of the Environment of the Red Sea and the Gulf of Aden (PERSGA) agree to consult each other on matters of common interest of the two Organizations with a view to ensure appropriate co-ordination of the relevant work and activities of both Organizations.

2. Subject to such arrangements as may be necessary for safeguarding confidential information, the Secretariats of both Organizations will exchange information and keep each other informed of projected activities and programmes in fields of common interest, taking into account their respective responsibilities and any decisions or wishes of the appropriate governing bodies of the respective Organizations.

3. The Secretariats of both Organizations will agree to make arrangements for immediate exchange of information and expertise in cases of marine pollution emergencies and in locating of ships suspected of carrying or dumping hazardous wastes in the two regional sea areas.

4. The Secretariats of both Organizations will invite each other to send representatives to meetings or conferences convened by or under the
auspices of each Organization to consider the matters of mutual interest, in accordance with procedures applicable to each meeting or conference.

5. The Secretariats of ROPME and PERSGA may consult, where appropriate, on the use of personnel, material, services, equipment and facilities for joint undertakings in fields of common interest to them which may be agreed between them with the approval of the appropriate organs of ROPME and PERSGA.

6. Each Organization shall bear the costs of its participation in the meetings/activities unless otherwise agreed.

7. The Secretariats of both Organizations may pass the results of their cooperation under this Memorandum, by mutual consent, to third parties taking into account their applicable legal provisions and internal rules.

8. This Memorandum shall be subject to revision by agreement between the Executive Secretary of ROPME and the Executive Secretary of PERSGA, with the approval of the appropriate organs of ROPME and PERSGA.
9. This Memorandum shall enter into force on the date of signature and shall continue in effect for an unlimited period, unless denounced by either Organization. The termination shall not affect the validity of any arrangements made under this Memorandum.

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