## MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN

## FINANCIAL INTELLIGENCE UNIT-INDIA (FIU-IND) AND

## THE QATAR FINANCIAL INFORMATION UNIT (QFIU) CONCERNING

## COOPERATION IN THE EXCHANGE OF INTELLIGENCE RELATED TO MONEY LAUNDERING, TERRORISM FINANCING AND RELATED CRIMES

Director, Financial Intelligence Unit-India and Head of the QATAR Financial Information Unit (QFIU), hereinafter referred to as "the Units", desire, in a spirit of cooperation and mutual interest, to facilitate exchange of intelligence related to suspected cases of money laundering, related crimes and terrorism financing and persons connected thereto.

To that end they have reached the following understanding:

- 1. The Units will cooperate to gather, develop and analyze information concerning financial transactions suspected of being related to money laundering, related crimes and terrorism financing and in respect of persons connected thereto. To that end, the Units will exchange spontaneously or upon request any information already available with them or collected in pursuance of a request. Any request for information will be justified by a brief statement of the underlying facts.
- 2. The information obtained from the respective Unit will not be disseminated to any third party, nor be used for administrative, prosecutorial or judicial purposes without prior consent of the disclosing Unit.
- 3. The Unit will not permit the use or release of any information obtained from the respective Authorities for purposes other than those stated in this Memorandum, without the prior consent of the disclosing Unit.
- 4. The information acquired in application of the present Memorandum is confidential. It is subject to official secrecy and is protected by at least the same confidentiality as provided by the national legislation of the receiving Unit for similar information from national sources.
- 5. The Units will jointly arrange, consistent with the legislation of their respective countries, for acceptable procedures of communication

and will consult each other with the purpose of implementing this Memorandum.

- 6. Communication between the Units shall take place in English language.
- **7**. The Units are under no obligation to give assistance if judicial proceedings have already been initiated concerning the same facts as the request is related to.
- **8**. This Memorandum may be amended at any time by mutual written consent.
- **9**. This Memorandum is revocable at any time. The termination will become effective as from the receipt of the written notification from the other Unit.
- **10**. This Memorandum will become effective upon its signature by the Units.

Signed at Doha, on 05 June 2016, in two copies, each in the English and Arabic languages. In case of disagreement concerning interpretation and/or implementation of provisions of this Memorandum, the Units will follow the text in English.

For the Financial Intelligence Unit India

For the Qatar Financial Information Unit