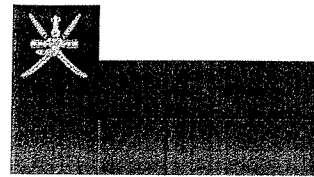
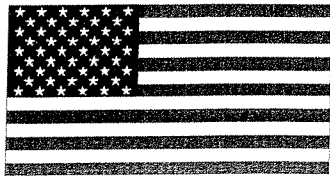


**DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES
AMONG
ROYAL OMAN POLICE
AND
UNITED STATES CUSTOMS AND BORDER PROTECTION
AND
THE DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY OF THE UNITED
STATES OF AMERICA
CONCERNING COOPERATION TO ENHANCE THE
SECURITY OF CONTAINER CARGO**

United States Customs and Border Protection (CBP), the Department of Energy of the United States of America (DOE), and the Royal Oman Police of the Sultanate of Oman (Omani Customs), hereinafter referred to collectively as "Participants";

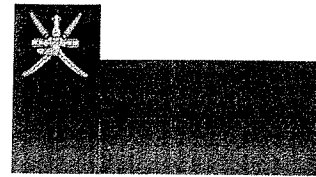
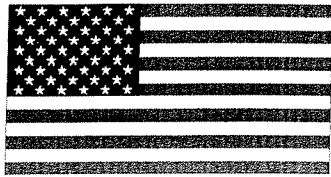
Recognizing the longstanding, close and productive relations between the customs authorities of the United States of America and the Sultanate of Oman;



Recognizing the volume of trade between Omani seaports and United States seaports, and the role of Oman as an intermodal transport hub for cargo originating in many countries;

Being convinced of a need to detect, deter, and where necessary, to interdict the illicit trafficking in nuclear and other radioactive material, including terrorist attempts to disrupt global trade or to attempt to make use of commercial shipping to further terrorist schemes; and

Supporting CBP's Container Security Initiative (CSI), which is designed to safeguard global maritime trade by enhancing cooperation at seaports worldwide to identify and examine high-risk containers and strive to ensure their in-transit integrity,

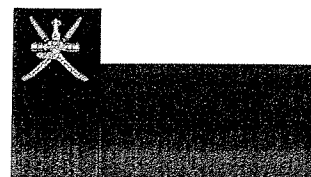
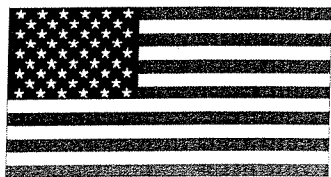


Come to the following understanding:

I. OBJECTIVE

The objective of this Declaration of Principles (Declaration) is:

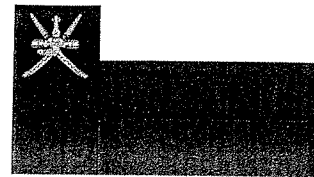
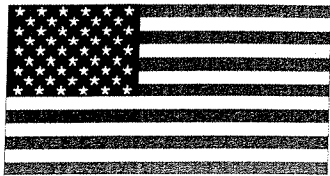
1. with respect to CSI, to intensify bilateral customs cooperation by working to exchange information, and working closely to help ensure the identification, screening, and sealing of high-risk cargo containers through the use of inspection equipment that meets the specifications of the World Customs Organization;
2. to establish a framework for cooperation between DOE and Omani Customs to prevent illicit trafficking in nuclear and other radioactive material.



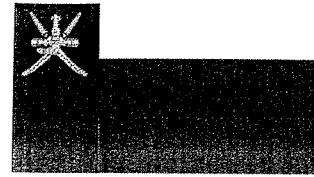
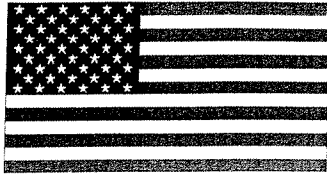
II. SCOPE OF COOPERATION

To achieve the objective of this Declaration:

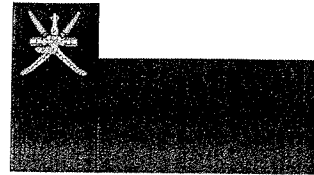
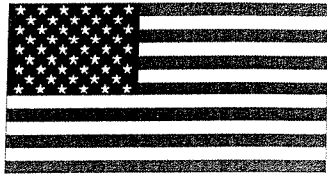
1. Officers of CBP are to be stationed, on a pilot basis, at the Port of Salalah and other Omani seaports, which process a significant amount of commercial cargo to the United States, by Omani Customs with coordination with CBP officers. These officers will operate under the administrative supervision of the Ambassador of the United States in Muscat during their stay in the Sultanate of Oman.
2. The selection of and order in which other Omani seaports may join the CSI are to be determined by CBP in consultation with Omani Customs.
3. At the request of the Government of Sultanate of Oman, Omani Customs officers may be stationed at United States seaports as jointly determined by CBP and Omani Customs, and such officers would work in accordance with CBP guidelines and under the authority of the Ambassador of the Sultanate of Oman in Washington, D.C.



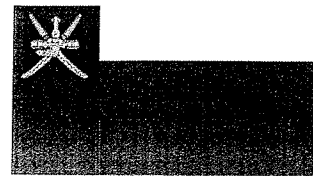
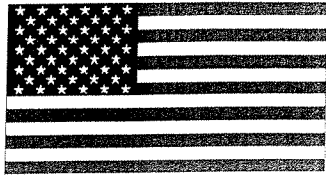
4. The DOE, through its National Nuclear Security Administration, may provide technical assistance to the Government of the Sultanate of Oman, through Omani Customs, in the form of equipment and materials, training and services, for Omani Customs' use at the Port of Salalah and other seaports in Oman as determined by DOE and Omani Customs, for the purpose of detecting and interdicting illicit trafficking in special nuclear material and other radioactive material. As used herein, "special nuclear material" means plutonium, and uranium enriched to 20 percent or more in the isotope U-235. "Other radioactive material" includes, but is not limited to, radioactive sources suitable for use in radiological dispersal devices.



5. DOE's technical assistance may include:
 - a. delivery and installation of equipment adapted as appropriate for customs control conditions (including testing, setup, and demonstration of the equipment) at the Port of Salalah and at other selected seaports in Oman;
 - b. delivery of spare parts kits, test equipment and other maintenance equipment to maintain the DOE-provided equipment;
 - c. training of Omani Customs' personnel and other appropriate Omani personnel in detection of special nuclear material and other radioactive material, and in the proper use and maintenance of equipment provided by DOE;
 - d. support for maintenance of the equipment provided by DOE, as set forth in a maintenance and sustainability plan mutually determined by DOE and Omani Customs;
 - e. additional areas of cooperation of mutual interest to the Participants.



6. Representatives of DOE may make technical evaluations of DOE-provided equipment supplied under this Declaration, starting from the deployment date of the equipment.
7. DOE and Omani Customs may conduct technical workshops, consultations, site surveys, verification inspections and acceptance testing of materials and DOE-provided equipment installed in Oman. Joint working groups of technical experts may be formed to exchange technical information and to make proposals on technical and training matters to ensure the effective implementation of this Declaration.
8. The terms of any technical assistance provided by DOE under this Declaration are expected to be set forth in separate contracts or other written arrangements between DOE and Omani Customs or their designated implementing agents.
9. The Omani Customs should endeavor to ensure that equipment and materials provided under this Declaration are afforded priority processing to allow prompt engineering approvals, and equipment and materials deliveries to their ultimate destination in Oman.

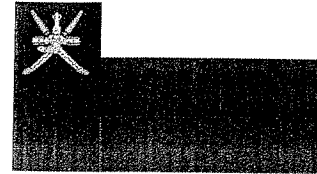
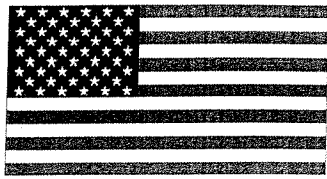


III. PROVISION OF INFORMATION

The Omani Government is to furnish the United States Government, through its representatives (to be designated by DOE) present in Oman and in a format and according to a schedule to be determined by DOE and Omani Customs, with data on detections or seizures of special nuclear material and of other radioactive material made as a result of the use of the equipment and materials supplied under this Declaration.

IV. NON-TRANSFER

Unless the written consent of the DOE has first been obtained, the Omani Customs should not transfer title to, or possession of, any equipment provided by the DOE pursuant to this Declaration, other than to other ministries, bureaus, agencies or departments within the Government of the Sultanate of Oman.

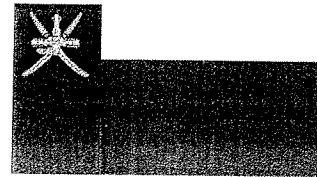
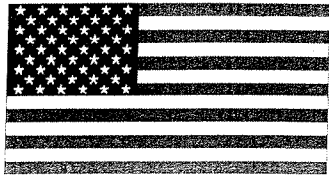


V. TAX AND CUSTOMS TREATMENT OF ASSISTANCE

The Participants understand that the United States Participants and their implementing agents are not to pay any taxes, duties or other charges on equipment, materials, training or services provided under this Declaration.

VI. GENERAL PROVISION

The Declaration represents an understanding and cooperation by the United States and Sultanate of Oman Participants and does not constitute a legally binding agreement. All activities of each Participant and its implementing agents under this Declaration should be carried out in accordance with the laws and regulations of that Participant's Government and applicable international agreements to which that Participant's Government is party.



VII. EFFECTIVE DATE AND DURATION

Implementation of this Declaration may begin upon signature by all Participants. This Declaration may be modified in writing by all Participants' mutual written consent. Any such modification may take effect upon signature by all Participants. If a Participant wishes to end its cooperation under the Declaration, it should endeavor to provide at least 90 days' advance written notice to the other Participants. Withdrawal from this Declaration of either (a) Omani Customs or (b) both United States Participants will constitute termination of the Declaration.

Signed at Muscat this 19th day of November 2005, in triplicate.

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