

JOINT DECLARATION OF INTENT

BETWEEN

THE GOVERNMENT OF THE STATE OF QATAR

AND

**THE GOVERNMENT OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF
GERMANY**

ON

COOPERATION IN THE FIELD OF ENERGY

Introduction

The Government of the State of Qatar and the Government of the Federal Republic of Germany (hereinafter jointly referred to as the “Sides” and in the singular as a “Side”) wish to further promote cooperation between the State of Qatar and the Federal Republic of Germany. The Sides desire to enhance the bilateral dialogue and practical cooperation in the energy sector between them, which builds on and further enhances the ongoing successful dialogue between their countries. The Sides acknowledge that strengthening cooperation in the fields of energy will benefit the advancement of bilateral relations and cooperation between the two countries. Against the background of the national targets of each Side for increasing the role and share of gas/ LNG and renewable energy, the efficient use of energy and securing energy supplies, the Sides emphasize the benefits of sustainable energy systems for their respective economies, population and the environment. Therefore, the Sides have come to the following understanding:

Section 1 Purpose

The Sides underline their shared objective to transform their energy systems with a view to improve energy efficiency, increase the deployment of renewable energy technologies, to meet the ambitious efforts under the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change, which was concluded in Paris in December 2015, while guaranteeing the affordable, secure and sustainable supply and utilisation of energy sources, including gas/ LNG. The purpose of this Joint Declaration of Intent is to create a framework for good faith cooperation in the field of energy between the Sides in the form of a bilateral Qatari-German Energy Partnership, and to facilitate their sharing of technical knowledge, advice, skills and expertise. Therefore, the Sides intend to intensify their cooperation on the promotion of sustainable and efficient energy supply as well as to facilitate cooperation and mutually beneficial trade and investment relations in the area of LNG with a view to promoting secure energy supplies.

Section 2 Planned Areas of Cooperation

The planned cooperation between the Sides under this Joint Declaration of Intent includes collaboration and dialogue, inter alia, on the following areas:

- (a) Sustainable Energy Policy and Renewable Energy: Deployment and development of renewable energy technologies such as through support mechanisms, including necessary investment conditions;
- (b) Energy Efficiency: Improvement and promotion of energy efficiency through policy instruments and technology;
- (c) Development of the electricity market: regulatory aspects of electricity markets and trade, integration of renewable energy into the system;
- (d) Interconnectors and electricity grids: regional cooperation and cross-border electricity trade and infrastructure, expansion of smart grids;
- (e) LNG: Establishment of mutually beneficial trade relations, development of transport and infrastructure facilities, facilitation of investments and private sector cooperation;
- (f) Development of green and blue hydrogen and derivatives, including the support of joint projects and exchange on framework conditions for green and blue hydrogen trade; and
- (g) Other subject areas as the Sides may jointly decide.

Section 3

Forms of Cooperation

The Sides plan to encourage cooperation and collaboration between high-level decision-makers, business representatives and technical experts on mutually beneficial energy-related issues, cooperation and investment initiatives, research and development cooperation, and knowledge-sharing in both countries.

The forms of cooperation under this Joint Declaration of Intent may include the following:

- (a) High-level and technical delegation visits;
- (b) Conduct of workshops and other meetings;
- (c) Establishment of working groups and project groups as appropriate;
- (d) Facilitation of business roundtables and exchange within the private sector;
- (e) Exchange of publicly available scientific and technical information;
- (f) Joint implementation of analyses and studies; and
- (g) Other forms of cooperation as the Sides may jointly decide.

The Sides will encourage relevant governmental and/or private sector entities/companies to cooperate closely and to explore further business and investment opportunities in the field of energy within the Energy Partnership.

Section 4

Funding

Each Side intends to carry out the cooperative activities contemplated by this Joint Declaration of Intent at its own expense subject to the availability of funds, unless otherwise agreed upon by the Sides in writing.

Section 5

High-Level Steering Group and Working Groups

- (a) The Sides intend to convene a High-Level Steering Group meeting once a year in turns in the State of Qatar and the Federal Republic of Germany.
- (b) For the State of Qatar, the Minister of State for Energy Affairs will be the responsible authority, and for the Federal Republic of Germany, the Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Climate Action will be the responsible authority. The responsible authorities will cooperate closely with, and may include the activities of, other relevant ministries and authorities in each country.
- (c) The High-Level Steering Group will identify collaboration opportunities and activities to be conducted under this Joint Declaration of Intent and will decide on an annual work programme.
- (d) The agenda, time and place of the High-Level Steering Group meetings will be jointly decided upon by the Sides. The host Side will chair the meeting.

- (e) The High-Level Steering Group will decide on the creation and implementation of working groups on the areas described in Section 2.
- (f) Each Side will designate a primary point of contact to coordinate the overall cooperation between the Sides for the areas described in Section 2.
- (g) Consistent with Section 4, each Side will bear its own internal and external costs incurred in connection with the High-Level Steering Group and the working group meetings.

Section 6

General Considerations

- (a) The terms of this Joint Declaration of Intent and all information disclosed and received by either Side in relation to this Joint Declaration of Intent will be kept confidential by the Sides and will not be disclosed by either Side without the prior written consent of the other Side, except to the extent required by applicable law and to each Side's auditors, legal, tax, or technical advisors. All confidential information will remain the exclusive property of the disclosing Side. The confidentiality provisions of this clause will survive for a period of three years notwithstanding the termination of this Joint Declaration of Intent.
- (b) This Joint Declaration of Intent may be modified at any time in writing with the Sides' mutual consent.
- (c) The Sides intend to amicably resolve any question concerning the implementation of this Joint Declaration of Intent through mutual consultation.
- (d) While this Joint Declaration of Intent constitutes an expression of the Sides' good faith intent to engage in the collaboration described herein, it is not designed to create binding legal commitments on either Side.
- (e) This Joint Declaration of Intent will remain in effect until either Side informs the other in writing, at least 60 days in advance of its intention to terminate the cooperation under this Joint Declaration of Intent.
- (f) Cooperation under this Joint Declaration of Intent is expected to commence upon signature by the Sides' representatives.

This Joint Declaration of Intent was signed in duplicate in the English language.

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