IN THE NAME OF GOD,
THE COMPASSIONATE, THE MERCIFUL

AGREEMENT
ON INTERNATIONAL ROAD TRANSPORT
BETWEEN

THE GOVERNMENT OF THE ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN
AND

THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF ITALY

Preamble:
The Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran and the Government of the Republic of Italy hereinafter referred to as the "Contracting Parties", desiring to regulate and encourage the international transport by road of goods between their countries and in transit through their territories, have agreed as follows:

INTRODUCTORY PROVISIONS

Article 1.
Definitions

(1) The term, "carrier" means a physical or juridical person residing in Iran or in Italy which is licensed by the laws in force in the respective country to effect international transportation of goods by road.

(2) The term "vehicle" means any motor vehicle used on road, and any trailer or semi-trailer, designed to be coupled thereto, which are:

a) constructed either to carry more than eight persons excluding the driver (passenger vehicle), or to transport goods (goods vehicle);

b) registered in the territory of either of the Contracting Parties.
With regard to the goods vehicle, the term "vehicle" shall refer to any single vehicle or a combination of vehicles, provided that both, the tractive unit (truck or tractor) and its trailer or semi-trailer are registered in the same territory.

Article 2
Scope

Under this Agreement, the carriers are entitled to transport goods by road in vehicles between the territories of the Contracting Parties or in transit through their territories.

TRANSPORT OF GOODS

Article 3

The carriage of goods by the vehicles registered in the territories of the Contracting Parties shall require a permit:

a) between the territories of the Contracting Parties;

b) in transit through their territories;

c) when starting from the territory of the other Contracting Party for a third country or when coming from a third country to the territory of the other Contracting Party, provided that during the same journey and following the normal route the vehicle crosses the country in which it is registered.

Such a permit will be valid for the use of one vehicle or a combination of vehicles. It shall be issued for a specific period of time and shall in each case cover one journey.

Article 4
Permits

1. The Joint Commission, mentioned in Article 14, will decide upon the type and number of permits, on a reciprocal basis.
(a) The permits necessary for Iranian vehicles, which travel to the territory of the Republic of Italy, shall be issued by the pertinent Iranian authorities on special forms sent by the pertinent Italian authorities in accordance with the quota laid down by the Joint Commission.

(b) The permits necessary for Italian vehicles, which travel to the territory of the Islamic Republic of Iran, shall be issued by the pertinent Italian authorities on special forms sent by the pertinent Iranian authorities in accordance with the quota laid down by the Joint Commission.

2. Permits are to be used for a single trip (outward and return) and shall remain valid for a period of three months as of the date of issue.

Article 5
Exceptional Transport Operations

(a) If dimensions, weight, or the axle pressure of the vehicle exceeds the maximum limits permitted in the territory of either Contracting Party, the vehicle requires a special authorization from the competent authority of the Contracting Party concerned.

(b) Where such authorization stipulates that the vehicle must use a specific route, transports are only permissible on that route.

GENERAL PROVISIONS

Article 6
Control of Documents
(a) The permits and any other documents required under this Agreement shall be carried on the vehicle and produced on request to the competent authorities of the Contracting Parties.

(b) The permits referred to in the present Agreement are to be stamped on entry and exit by the competent authorities of the state for which they have been issued.

Article 7
Prohibition of Internal Transportation

The provisions of this Agreement shall not permit the carriers of either Contracting Parties to carry goods within the territory of the other Contracting Party from one point to another within the same territory.

Article 8
Taxes and charges

1. The carriers of one Contracting Party transporting goods to the territory of the other Contracting Party in compliance with the present Agreement shall pay taxes and charges due for vehicles, circulation of them, as well as transport operations according to national laws and regulations of the latter.

2. The Joint Commission shall examine the possibility of granting exemption and/or reductions on the above mentioned taxes and charges, on a reciprocal basis. Any proposal of the said Commission in this regard shall be subject to the approval and ratification of the competent authorities of each Contracting Party according to its national laws and regulations.

Article 9
Custom formalities
(1) The temporary importation of vehicle to the territory of the other Contracting Party is subject to the national laws and regulations of that Contracting Party.

(2) Fuel and lubricants contained in the standard tanks of the vehicle of one of the Contracting Parties temporarily imported into the territory of the other Contracting Party shall be exempted from import duties and taxes and shall not be subject to prohibitions and restrictions, provided that the tanks are the ones initially installed by the manufacturer of the vehicle and directly connected with the engine.

(3) Spare parts imported in order to repair a specific vehicle, which has already been temporarily imported, shall be temporarily admitted free of import duties and taxes and with no import prohibition or restriction. The Contracting Parties may require such parts to be recorded on a temporary import permit. Spare parts which have been replaced must be subject to the payment of import duties and taxes, or re-exported, or destroyed under the supervision of the relevant authorities after obtaining the necessary authorization, or placed at the free disposal of these authorities in accordance with the national laws and regulations of the country in which the afore-mentioned parts were imported in.

(4) The crew of the road vehicle shall be allowed to carry along with them temporarily repair tools normally carried in the vehicles and needed during the journey. Importation of personal effects of the crew of the road vehicle of either
Contracting Party into the territory of the other Contracting Party shall be subject to the national legislation of the latter.

Article 10
Application of National legislation

For all matters which are not regulated by this Agreement, carriers and the crews of vehicles of one Contracting Party must respect the legal provision and regulations of the other Contracting Party, particularly those governing traffic-safety while they are driving in the territory of the latter or during their stay therein.

Article 11
Violations

(1) If a carrier or the crew of the vehicle infringe the laws and regulations applicable in the territory of the other Contracting Party, the provisions of this Agreement or the conditions stated in the transport permit, the competent authority of the country where the vehicle is registered may at the request of the competent authority of the other Contracting Party take the following steps:

(a) issue a warning to the carrier;
(b) discontinue the issuance of permits to the carrier for transports in the territory of the Contracting Party where the infringement was committed, or revoke a permit previously issued.

(2) The competent authorities of both Contracting Parties will inform each other of any infringement according to paragraph (1) as well as the measures
taken.

(3) This Article shall apply without prejudice to any steps provided for by law which may be taken by courts or executive authorities of the Contracting Party in whose territory the infringement is committed.

Article 12
Competent Authorities

Competent Authorities designated for the implementation of this Agreement shall be as follows:
In the case of the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran:
The Ministry of Roads and Transportation
In the case of the Government of the Republic of Italy:
The Ministry of Transport

Article 13
Payments

1. All payments deriving from the application of the present Agreement shall be made in currencies which are convertible and freely transferable after all settlements of relative fiscal obligations.

2. If an agreement for payment between the two Contracting Parties is concluded, payments referred to in paragraph 1 shall be effected according to the terms of such agreement.

Article 14
Joint Commission

(1) The representatives of the Contracting Parties shall set up a Joint Commission that will regulate all questions regarding the implementation and
application of the present Agreement.

(2) The Joint Commission shall convene at the request of each Contracting Party alternately in Iran or Italy.

Article 15

The provisions of the present Agreement shall not invalidate the international commitments undertaken by either Contracting Party based on the membership in a regional or subregional arrangement, economic multilateral international agreement.

Article 16

Entry into force and duration of validity

(1) This Agreement shall enter into force sixty days after the Contracting Parties have notified each other in writing through diplomatic channels that they have complied with the constitutional requirements for the entry into force of this Agreement.

(2) This Agreement is concluded for a period of one year. Thereafter it shall remain in force subject to the right of either Contracting Party to give to the other Contracting Party, at any time, a six-month written notice of termination.

Done in Rome on 3.5.1369 = 25.7.1990 in one preamble and sixteen articles in two original copies in the Farsi, Italian and
English languages, all three texts being equally authentic. In case of divergent interpretation the English text shall prevail.

For
The Government of the
Islamic Republic of Iran

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Republic of Italy