### DEFENSE

**Fire Protection** 

# Agreement between the UNITED STATES OF AMERICA and BAHRAIN

Signed at Shaw Air Force Base, South Carolina and Shaikh Isa Air Base, Bahrain October 29 and December 1, 2004



#### NOTE BY THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Pursuant to Public Law 89—497, approved July 8, 1966 (80 Stat. 271; 1 U.S.C. 113)—

"...the Treaties and Other International Acts Series issued under the authority of the Secretary of State shall be competent evidence ... of the treaties, international agreements other than treaties, and proclamations by the President of such treaties and international agreements other than treaties, as the case may be, therein contained, in all the courts of law and equity and of maritime jurisdiction, and in all the tribunals and public offices of the United States, and of the several States, without any further proof or authentication thereof."

#### BAHRAIN

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### AGREEMENT BETWEEN

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## UNITED STATES AIR FORCE,

# AS REPRESENTED BY THE 9<sup>TH</sup> AIR FORCE,

### AND THE ROYAL BAHRAINI AIR FORCE

#### CONCERNING

### MUTUAL AID IN FIRE PROTECTION

1. The purpose of this Agreement is to provide the United States Air Force, as represented by the 9<sup>th</sup> Air Force, and the Royal Bahraini Air Force, (hereafter referred to as the "Parties"), the benefits of mutual aid in fire protection at Shaikh Isa Air Base, Bahrain. As used herein, the term "fire protection" includes equipment required for fire prevention, the protection of life and property from fire, and firefighting.

2. The 9<sup>th</sup> Air Force shall, upon request, make available firefighting equipment located at Shaikh Isa Air Base, including a P-19 fire truck located at Shaikh Isa Air Base, to personnel of the Royal Bahraini Air Force for use at the Air Base as required for fire protection.

3. The Royal Bahraini Air Force shall respond to fire protection emergencies involving United States military equipment at Shaikh Isa Air Base, by employing Royal Bahraini Air Force equipment, United States Air Force equipment made available by this agreement, and Royal Bahraini Air Force personnel, as required.

4. All equipment made available pursuant to this Agreement shall remain the property of the providing Party and shall be returned to the providing Party when the use of the equipment is no longer required by the providing party for the fire protection purpose for which it was furnished. Furthermore, the Royal Bahraini Air Force recognizes that the United States Air Force may exchange any equipment, including the P-19 fire truck, as it deems necessary to facilitate the even wear and tear of its fire truck fleet.

5. The Royal Bahraini Air Force shall, upon request, grant access to Shaikh Isa Air Base to United States Air Force personnel, or personnel hired by the United States Air Force, to perform periodic checks and maintenance on United States Air Force firefighting equipment, including the P-19 fire truck.

6. All equipment furnished pursuant to this Agreement from one Party to the other Party shall be provided without charge.

7. Each Party waives all claims against the other Party for injury or death to its personnel, damage to its property, or any other loss that might arise under, or relating to, this Agreement.

8. Any disputes that might arise between the Parties under, or relating to, this Agreement shall be resolved only by consultation between the Parties and shall not be referred to a national court, an international tribunal, or any other person or entity for settlement.

9. This Agreement shall enter into effect upon signature by both Parties and shall remain in effect for ten years, unless terminated by written agreement of both Parties or by one Party after thirty days written notification to the other Party. It may be amended by written agreement of both Parties.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned, being duly authorized by their governments, have signed the Agreement in two originals.

FOR THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

FOR THE ROYAL BAHRAINI AIR FORCE

WALTER E. BUCHANAN III LIEUTENANT GENERAL, USAF COMMANDER, 9<sup>th</sup> AIR FORCE

OCT 29 2004

HAMAD BIN ABDULLA AL KHALIFA COLONEL, RBAF COMMANDR, ROYAL BAHRAINI AIR FORCE

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Shaw AFB, South Carolina Location

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