MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

ON

COOPERATION BETWEEN KING FAISAL CENTER FOR RESEARCH AND ISLAMIC STUDIES (KFCRIS),

RIYADH

AND

THE INSTITUTE FOR DEFENSE STUDIES AND ANALYSES (IDSA), NEW DELHI

Cooperation between King Faisal Center for Research and Islamic Studies (KFCRIS), and the Institute for defense studies and analyses is proposed as follows:

- 1) In order to execute the interest specializations of the two Centers: King Faisal Center for Research and Islamic Studies (KFCRIS), and the Institute for Defense Studies and Analyses (IDSA), and to widen their cooperation in executing their duties and make use of the available resources they have, cooperation between them is proposed as follows:
- 2) to stage a regular "Strategic Dialogue" through bilateral meetings involving non-officials, academics, business persons, retired diplomats and military officials. Serving officials may join the meeting if acceptable to both sides.
- 3) Intellectual rights should be preserved for the two Centers whenever any of their activities is undertaken.
- 4) The topics covered at the meetings would include security and strategic issues, Diplomacy and Economic issues. Presentation of papers would be followed by a workshop style discussion. The duration of each meeting will be decided by the two sides in advance.

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- 5) Themes discussions would include:
- The evolving international security and strategic environment, including: political, military, and technoeconomic aspects.
 - Regional developments. 11-
 - Arabian Gulf/Middle East
 - South and Central Asia
 - Indian Ocean rim
 - North-east and South-east Asia
 - International/regional cooperation:
 - GCC/SAARC/other bodies for regional cooperation. 111-
 - United Nations and other multilateral bodies.
 - Regional/international issues e.g. drug trafficking, light weapons, terrorism, etc.
 - Saudi Arabia-India bilateral cooperation: Potential and 14-Prospects.
 - 6) The two sides would also take up joint projects, including joint studies, seminars, etc., the details of which would be agreed

7) This memorandum of understanding would be valid for a period of three years and could be extended by mutual agreements.

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