

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED ARAB EMIRATES AND THE
GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN
AND NORTHERN IRELAND CONCERNING THE CREATION OF A
DIALOGUE OF VALUES**

The Government of the United Arab Emirates and the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland ('the Participants'),

On the occasion of the 2013 State Visit of His Highness Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan, President of the United Arab Emirates, to the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, at the invitation of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II and His Royal Highness Prince Phillip The Duke of Edinburgh;

Recognising the deepening bilateral relationship between the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (UK) and the United Arab Emirates (UAE);

Recalling the commitment to friendship and partnership enshrined in the UK-UAE 1971 Treaty of Friendship, reaffirmed by the 2010 Abu Dhabi Declaration, and building on the Joint Communiqué of November 2012 adopted during the visit of the Prime Minister of the UK to the UAE;

Reflecting the importance of their shared goals of enhancing prosperity and security; and their increasingly strong people to people links;

Continuing the long history of mutual respect they have for each other's traditions, and their desire to work in close partnership to better appreciate each others' perspectives and to promote cultural, political and social understanding between the UAE and the UK;

Demonstrating the strong relationship between the UK and the UAE, and their commitment to more substantive cooperation;

Have reached the following understanding:

The Participants will establish a "Dialogue of Values" (DoV) to provide another platform upon which to deepen mutual understanding in both countries and to ensure the further development of their partnership across a broad range of shared activities and interests in the years to come:

- **Governance:** The DoV will be overseen by the UK-UAE Taskforce, co-chaired by His Excellency Dr Anwar Gargash, UAE Minister of State for Foreign Affairs, and Mr Alistair Burt, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State, Foreign and Commonwealth Office, who together will approve and discuss the DoV's proposals for joint working and dialogue.

- Timing: The UK and UAE will aim to hold the first meeting of the DoV in May 2013, with follow-up meetings every 6 months. It will retain flexibility to deal with subjects as and when they arise.
- Participation: The DoV will initially be confined to government departments and agencies, with the aim of involving outside thinkers and non-governmental experts for future meetings. Representation, depending on the topic, will likely include, at various times, Ministry of Foreign Affairs; Ministry of Interior; Ministry of Defence and Intelligence Services, and any other Ministries or agencies relevant to the issue being discussed. Both sides will retain flexibility over who attends.
- Discussion Topics: The DoV will have the flexibility to discuss topics as and when they arise. The topics chosen for discussion in the DoV will be designed to: promote cultural and political understanding between the UAE and the UK; explore developments in the MENA region and issues arising from them that impact on the UAE's and the UK's values; and consider how the UAE and the UK might cooperate in order to address these issues in a positive manner.

This MOU will come into effect on the date of its signature and will remain in effect until jointly terminated by the Participants. It may be amended at any time by the mutual written consent of the Participants.

Any dispute about the interpretation or application of this Memorandum will be resolved by consultations between the Participants, and will not be referred to any national or international tribunal or third party settlement.

Signed in duplicate at Foreign and Commonwealth Office on Wednesday 1 May 2013 in English and Arabic, both texts having equal validity.

For the Government of the United Arab Emirates

Abdullah bin Zayed Al Nahyan
Minister for Foreign Affairs

For the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland

William Hague, Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs