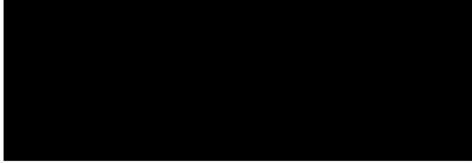


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Ihre Anfrage vom 11. April 2024

Sehr geehrter Herr Fant 

wir beziehen uns auf Ihre via der Plattform „Frag den Staat“ am 11. April 2024 an uns gerichtete Anfrage zum Wortlaut des Memorandum of Understanding zwischen Österreich und den Vereinigten Arabischen Emiraten zum Thema Wasserstoffallianz, das am 6. März 2022 in Abu Dhabi unterzeichnet wurde, zu welcher Sie sich ausdrücklich auf die Bestimmungen des Auskunftspflichtgesetzes berufen haben. Dazu erlauben wir uns, Ihnen wie folgt mitzuteilen:

Zunächst möchten wir uns für die verzögerte Antwort entschuldigen. Es waren für die Beantwortung gemäß den Bestimmungen des Bundesministeriengesetzes Abstimmungen mit dem Bundesministerium für europäische und internationale Angelegenheiten insbesondere im Hinblick auf die Frage, ob einer gewünschten Beantwortung die Aufrechterhaltung der auswärtigen Beziehungen entgegensteht, erforderlich. Umsomehr freut es uns, Ihnen nunmehr nachstehend, Ihrem Wunsch entsprechend, endlich den Wortlaut des am 6. März 2022 unterfertigten Memorandums of Understanding mitteilen zu dürfen:

„The Federal Ministry of Finance of the Republic of Austria and the Ministry of Industry and Advanced Technology of the United Arab Emirates;

BUILDING upon the long-standing relations between Austria and the United Arab Emirates;

PURSUANT to the Comprehensive Partnership signed in July 2021, notably in order to establish closer economic relations including in the field of renewable energy cooperation,

HAVING regard to the Austrian Government Programme 2020-2024, notably the Austrian offensive in technology, digitalization and innovation and the Austrian ambition to become the hydrogen nation number one,

TAKING note of the Austrian Strategy to use alternative sources of energy for inland freight transport with a focus on the climate balance (e.g. e-mobility, hydrogen, synthetic fuels),

TAKING note, equally, of the UAE objective of becoming a carbon net-zero economy by 2050,

HAVING regard to the UAE National Energy Strategy 2050 and its objective to produce clean hydrogen,

NOTING Abu Dhabi's and the UAE's global leadership and their position as a center of gravity for energy innovation,

WITH a view to leveraging the unique opportunities in connection with EXPO2020 Dubai,

IN view of the outcome of the COP 26 UN Climate Change Summit in Glasgow and the urgent need to unite the world in tackling climate change,

Herewith agree as follows.

A Austrian-Emirati Hydrogen Alliance, hereinafter referred to as 'Alliance', is hereby established.

The objective is to build a long-term, reliable partnership to the mutual benefit of both parties.

The Alliance will meet on a regular basis and shall comprise a permanent framework of collaboration and continuous exchange on both the C-Suite level and on a working level with respect to the entire hydrogen ecosystem:

- x Production, storage, conversion, transport, trade, re-conversion, utilization/application of clean hydrogen, including secondary materials,
- x Manufacturing & services along the value chain,
- x Joint Research & Development (R&D) activities.

Collaboration will include all aspects of mutual interest, including but not limited to mutual direct investment, aspects of hydrogen trading in Europe and cooperation in R&D.

The Alliance will develop a joint roadmap to support the acceleration of the use of hydrogen in major sectors such as utilities, mobility and industry, through its respective operating companies.

Together, the Alliance will strive to address the global challenge of increasing energy demand while reducing carbon emissions, thereby realizing the growth potential of a modern hydrogen economy in a collaborative manner.

The Alliance is an important pillar of the Comprehensive Strategic Partnership signed in July 2021. It will create favorable framework conditions for collaboration between Austrian and Emirati enterprises on clean hydrogen and its derivatives, seek to promote sustainable development and work together towards achieving the objectives of the Paris Agreement.

In this context this Memorandum of Understanding marks the start of a new and dynamic phase of bilateral collaboration. In this regard, the leaders intend to appoint Senior Officials from both parties to overlook the implementation of the Alliance, in particular to prepare the regular meetings, which will ensure the coordination and cooperation between all relevant stakeholders and institutions.

This Memorandum of Understanding will become effective upon signature by both parties and will remain effective for an indefinite period of time. Any future modification to this Memorandum of Understanding will be effected by mutual understanding of both parties and require written form. Either side may terminate this Memorandum of Understanding

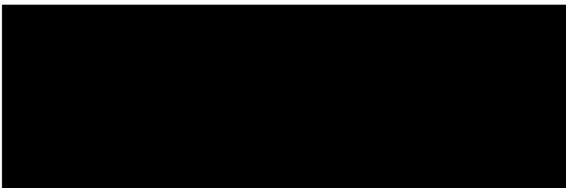
by written notification. Such notification will become effective six months after its receipt by the respectively other side. Activities under this Memorandum of Understanding commenced before the notification of termination by one side will remain unaffected by the termination.


This MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING was signed in the German, Arabic and English languages. In the case of any dispute the English version shall prevail. It is not designed to create binding legal commitments on either side.“

Wir hoffen, Ihnen mit dieser Auskunft weitergeholfen zu haben.

Wien, 21. Juni 2024

Für den Bundesminister:



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