

# **Memorandum of Understanding**

**between**

**the Ministry of Health**

**of the Republic of Latvia**

**and**

**the Ministry of Health and Population**

**of the Arab Republic of Egypt**

**On the Cooperation in Various Healthcare Fields**

## Introduction

This Memorandum of Understanding (hereinafter referred to as the "Memorandum") is concluded between the Ministry of Health and Population of the Arab Republic of Egypt and Ministry of Health of the Republic of Latvia, hereafter referred to individually as "Party" and collectively as "Parties".

**VALUING** the historical, and friendly relations between the Arab Republic of Egypt and the Republic of Latvia,

**DESIROUS** of strengthening and translating into action the special ties of solidarity and friendship that exist between the Arab Republic of Egypt and the Republic of Latvia,

**Recalling** the valuable visit of H.E. Dr. Hosams Abu Meri Minister of Health of the Republic of Latvia, to Egypt in November 2024,

**Considering** the fruitful meeting of H.E. Prof. Dr. Khaled Abd El Ghaffar the Deputy Prime Minister for Human Development and Minister of Health & Population of the Arab Republic of Egypt, with H.E. Dr. Hosams Abu Meri Minister of Health of the Republic of Latvia, on the sidelines of the 4<sup>th</sup> Global High-Level Ministerial Conference on AMR in November 2024, in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia, as an important factor in the development of national economies,

**ACKNOWLEDGING** the efforts made by the Arab Republic of Egypt in order to improve the efficiency of healthcare services at different levels for all citizens and to achieve the targets of social justice in the field of healthcare,

**DECLARING** the intention to consolidate their bilateral cooperation, so as to reinforce and develop mutual relations to boost the health field and to ensure the best medical and pharmaceutical services,

**Both Parties have reached the following understanding:**

### Article 1 Objective of the Memorandum

The objective of this Memorandum is to manage the relationship between the and set mutual rules of cooperation between them, in the various healthcare and

pharmaceutical fields.

This Memorandum does not entail having any agency or common project or a commercial relationship between the Parties.

None of the Parties will have neither the right nor the authority to act on behalf of the other Party nor to grant an exclusive benefit to the other Party.

## **Article 2**

### **General Principles of Cooperation**

Without prejudice to commitment to the provisions of relevant national legislation, as well as their international obligations, the provisions of this Memorandum intend to strengthen the cooperation in the field of public health, medicine, nursing and medical sciences on the basis of reciprocity and mutual benefit, in order to enhance their health systems and to improve the health of the citizens of both States.

## **Article 3**

### **Fields of Cooperation**

**The Parties commit to mutual cooperation in the following areas:**

- 1. Development of Health Care Systems and Application of New Technologies:** Make collaborative efforts aiming at advancing healthcare systems and implementing cutting-edge technologies in this domain.
- 2. Methodologies for Planning, Implementing, and Monitoring Healthcare Services:** Joint endeavors to develop effective methodologies for planning, executing, and overseeing healthcare services.
- 3. Exchange of Experts in Medical Specialties and Scientific Protocols:** Facilitation of exchanges involving experts, medical doctors, and healthcare professionals specializing in various medical fields. Expert exchanges will consider addressing and consulting on the latest scientific protocols, evidence-based guidelines and health technologies.
- 4. Exchange of Information and Expertise in Health Digitalization:** Collaboration focusing on sharing knowledge and expertise in information systems and the digitalization of the healthcare sector.
- 5. Advancement of Scientific Research in Health:** Conduct collaborative

initiatives aiming at fostering advancements in scientific research within the healthcare domain, notably **in the vital fields of organ transplantation and control of spreading communicable diseases.**

6. **Support and Development of Pharmaceuticals and Medical Equipment Industries:** Joint collaboration for expertise exchange and capacity-building to enhance the pharmaceuticals and medical equipment industries, in coordination with the competent authorities in both States.
7. **Health Tourism:** Development of joint projects on health tourism, promotion of health tourism opportunities and sharing of experiences between the Arab Republic of Egypt and the Republic of Latvia, allowing easy access to specialized medical services as well as leveraging the Latvian expertise in managing hospital resorts, in coordination with the competent authorities within both States.
8. **Continuing Medical Education (CME) in coordination with the competent authorities in both States:**
  - a) Implementation of a collaborative integrated medical education and continuous training programs between the two States for licensed health professionals in the decided-upon disciplines.
  - b) Facilitate the acceptance of Egyptian and Latvian licensed health professionals in training programs developed by other countries.
  - c) Sharing expertise by sending delegations of Egyptian specialists to Latvia for training sessions, particularly in rare disciplines, and equally, hosting Latvian experts in Egypt.
9. **Exchange of good practice in the field of rare diseases,** including prevention, diagnosis, case management, monitoring and treatment.
10. **Exchanging good practice in supporting and developing public health initiatives,** including the prevention of communicable diseases, particularly Hepatitis C and B.
11. **Exchange of good practice in the field of vaccine-preventable diseases and childhood vaccination** to increase the efficiency of human resources working in vaccination programs, promote health awareness, conduct epidemiological investigations, and improve contact tracing.
12. **Cooperation in the field of antimicrobial resistance (AMR) and healthcare-associated infections,** including promoting the prudent use of

antibiotics, as well as cooperation and exchanging experiences and sharing best practices in the field of reducing impact of climate change.

13. **Cooperation in any other field of common interest agreed upon by both parties.**
14. **Cooperation and exchange of good practice in the field of Emergency Response and Crises management.**

#### **Article 4** **Means of Cooperation**

**The mutual collaboration across the specified domains, as delineated in the preceding Article, will be carried out through the following modalities:**

1. **Exchange of Experts and Meeting of Delegations:** The Parties undertake to facilitate the exchange of experts and delegates in the fields mentioned in Article 3, of this Memorandum. In addition, Parties may explore collaboration in other mutually decided-upon areas, provided that each bears the expenses related to the visits of the respective experts and delegations to the territory of the other.
2. **Exchange of Expertise, Information and Best Practices:** The Parties will endeavor to exchange expertise, information and best practices in the medical field. This collaboration aims to promote the exchange of knowledge and best practices in the field of health.
3. **Participation in Conferences and Events:** Both Parties will endeavor to enhance participation by their respective experts in conferences and events hosted within the territory of either Party. This participation aims to encourage learning, networking and the dissemination of valuable expertise.
4. **Conduct Training Courses:** The Parties commit to facilitating both onsite and virtual training courses, fostering knowledge transfer, skill development and scaling up experiences between professionals from both States, in coordination with the competent authorities in both States.
5. **Facilitation of Multidisciplinary Medical Expert Exchange:** The Parties will make efforts to facilitate cooperation and exchange of medical experts.
6. **Organizing Roundtable Discussions:** The Parties will work towards organizing roundtable discussions within the pharmaceutical industry to foster

dialogue and collaboration.

7. **Encouraging Private Sector Engagement:** The Parties will strive to promote engagement and cooperation within the private sector, enhancing mutual investment and partnership opportunities.

## **Article 5**

### **Separate Agreements**

The two Parties may decide to conclude separate agreements at a later time for the implementation of each area of cooperation specified in Article3 of this Memorandum, detailing all aspects of its implementation and the obligations of each Party.

## **Article 6**

### **Implementing Authorities, Supervision and Monitoring**

The Ministry of Health and Population of the Arab Republic of Egypt and the Ministry of Health of the Republic of Latvia, shall undertake the implementation of this Memorandum of Understanding.

Both Parties may form a joint working group (Joint Committee) in which each Party is represented by an equal number of members to ensure coordination in the areas of cooperation provided for in this Memorandum of Understanding and to carry out these activities, and shall communicate this through diplomatic means.

If established, the Joint Committee meets either onsite or virtually alternately between the two Parties on regular basis or at the request of any Party.

The Committee's recommendations are not valid until agreed by both ministers.

## **Article 7**

### **Compliance with International Conventions**

The provisions of this Memorandum do not affect the obligations of the Parties arising from international conventions in force regarding matters falling in their scope.

## **Article 8**

### **Confidentiality**

All information exchanged between the Parties as a result of implementing this Memorandum is considered confidential and may not be disclosed to third parties without prior written consent of the other Participant, taking into account the national laws and regulations.

## **Article 9**

### **Settlement of Disputes**

Any dispute regarding the implementation or interpretation of this Memorandum will be settled amicably between the Parties, by negotiations, without resorting to any national or international court or third party for resolution.

## **Article 10**

### **Amendment**

This Memorandum can be amended by a written consent signed by both Parties and such amendment will come into effect according to the same procedures described in Article 11 of this Memorandum.

## **Article 11**

### **Entry into Force, Duration, and Amendments**

This Memorandum will come into effect on the date of signature by both Parties. Its duration will be three (3) years and will be automatically renewed, unless one Party notifies the other in writing of its desire not to renew it at least (6) months before the expiry of the Memorandum's period of validity.

The termination of this Memorandum will not affect the joint activities initiated by the Parties while it was effective, unless the Parties decide otherwise in writing.

This Memorandum does not constitute an international agreement from which rights and obligations may arise in accordance with international law.

## **Article 12**

### **Correspondence**

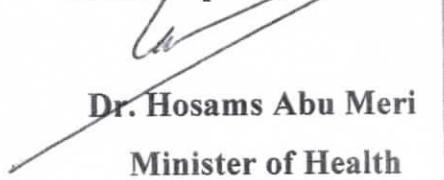
All correspondence regarding this Memorandum will be exchanged directly between the Parties.

Signed in Cairo, on 11<sup>th</sup> November 2025, in two original texts, in Arabic, Latvian and English languages, all texts being equally valid. In case of any divergence in the interpretation of this Memorandum, the English text will prevail.

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