FRIENDSHIP AND CO-OPERATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF LISBON, PORTUGUESE REPUBLIC,

AND

THE BANGKOK METROPOLITAN ADMINISTRATION, KINGDOM OF THAILAND

Guided by mutual aspiration toward strengthening of understanding and goodwill between their respective cities,

Proceeding from the longstanding historical and cultural contacts between Lisbon and Bangkok,

With regard to the everlasting friendship between the peoples of Portugal and Thailand and the recent celebration of 500th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between Portugal and Thailand,

The City of Lisbon, Portuguese Republic, and the Bangkok Metropolitan Administration, Kingdom of Thailand (hereinafter collectively referred to as "the Parties");

Have agreed as follows:

- Both Parties are mutually interested in the development of the local government. They
 encourage cooperation of the public organizations, private institutions, other relevant
 entities and the citizens in the enforcement of the local democracy and will exchange
 views and experience in order to develop the mutual understanding between the citizens
 of both cities.
- 2. Both Parties will carry out exchanges of accumulated experience in the area of cityplanning and city-development, housing policy, traffic and transportation management, waste water treatment and environmental protection. For this reason, they will mutually and regularly accept experts of the other side for consultation purposes. In this regard, the



Parties will further discuss costs management in each case separately and ensure that financial resources to support such activities are available prior to undertaking them.

- Both Parties will extend their cooperation in the sphere of tourism management, cultural
 diversity, preservation of cultural heritage and other architectural values, exchanges on
 ancient and contemporary arts, youth activities, professional training, sports and mass
 communications.
- 4. Taking in account the 3rd ASEM MGM Meeting held in Bangkok, on last March, and the 4th Meeting that will take place in Lisbon in 2017, both Parties, will also co-operate within the framework of ASEM MGM, Asia–Europe Meeting for Governors and Mayors, sharing information and best practices, and promoting a multilateral platform that helps the establishment of close ties between Asian and European cities.
- 5. This agreement shall come into effect on the date of signature by the Parties and shall remain in force for a period of five years and shall be renewed automatically for similar periods, unless either Party gives a written notice to the other Party of its intention to terminate the Agreement at least three months in advance. In such a case, the activities and projects already in progress or executed shall not be affected.
- 6. Amendments to the content of this Agreement shall be considered on the basis of mutual agreement by the Parties upon written request by either Party. Any disputes arising out of the interpretation, application or implementation of any provision of this Agreement shall be settled amicably through consultation between the Parties.

Done in Lisbon on January 19, 2016 in duplicate in Portuguese, Thai and English languages, all texts being equally authentic. In case of any divergence of interpretation, the English text shall prevail.

FOR THE CITY OF LISBON

FOR THE BANGKOK METROPOLITAN

ADMINISTRATION

KINGDOM OF THAILAND

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