



MEMORANDUM



OF UNDERSTANDING

between

SAFA and EFAA



SAFA
EFAA
INDIA
PAKISTAN
BANGLADESH
SRI LANKA
AFGHANISTAN
IRAN
IRAQ
JORDAN
SYRIA
LEBANON
ISRAEL
YEMEN
OMAN
UAE
SAUDI ARABIA
EGYPT
LIBYA
TUNISIA
ALGERIA
MOROCCO
MADAGASCAR
INDONESIA
MALAYSIA
THAILAND
VIETNAM
CAMBODIA
LAOS
BURMA
MYANMAR
SINGAPORE
MALDIVES
SRI LANKA
INDIA
PAKISTAN
BANGLADESH
SRI LANKA
AFGHANISTAN
IRAN
IRAQ
JORDAN
SYRIA
LEBANON
ISRAEL
YEMEN
OMAN
UAE
SAUDI ARABIA
EGYPT
LIBYA
TUNISIA
ALGERIA
MOROCCO
MADAGASCAR
INDONESIA
MALAYSIA
THAILAND
VIETNAM
CAMBODIA
LAOS
BURMA
MYANMAR
SINGAPORE
MALDIVES

1. **EFAA** : is the European Federation of Accountants and Auditors for Small and Medium-size Enterprises. It was established in 1994 and consists of 14 member organisations.
2. **SAFA** : is the South Asian Federation of Accountants established in 1984 and consists of 9 member organisations. These organisations represent more than 250000 professional accountants in public practice and service.
3. SAFA is also an Apex body of SAARC countries and has a mandate to promote and develop the accountancy profession in all the South Asian nations.
4. EFAA and SAFA share the same basic values and principles; they support diversity and inclusiveness and are both engaged in, and committed to, promoting a strong accountancy profession based on the international auditing, ethical, education and accounting standards issued by IFAC and IASB.
5. Both SAFA and EFAA are committed in making sure that all the constituent parts of the profession are properly represented at regional, international and regulatory levels.
6. EFAA and SAFA share the view that the SMEs sector is currently not sufficiently addressed by the agendas of international organisations and they therefore agree to embark upon specific initiatives, both internationally and regionally, in order to ensure that the SMEs sector enjoys proportionate priority in terms of regulatory developments.
7. SAFA and EFAA agree to promote specific initiatives to address the Small and Medium-size Enterprises (SMEs) sector, which forms the principal client base of SMPs.
8. EFAA and SAFA agree to develop a common strategic approach in order to strengthen (in particular) the capacity of Small and Medium-size Practices (SMPs), which may be under-represented at international level at present.
9. SAFA and EFAA agree to facilitate a process whereby their respective members are given an opportunity to understand each other fully and to establish professional and institutional links.
10. EFAA and SAFA agree to invite each other to their respective conferences and, where the opportunity arises, to address specific topics especially in the area of the SMP and SME agenda.

11. SAFA is an Acknowledged Accountancy Grouping (AAG) of IFAC and supports IFAC standards and IFAC's initiatives and events.
12. EFAA is considering applying to become an AAG of IFAC. Pending a decision regarding this application it supports IFAC standards and IFAC's initiatives and events by participating in IFAC's Consultative Advisory Groups with respect to Auditing, Ethics and Education, along with attendance at IFAC SMP Committee meetings.
13. EFAA and SAFA agree to invite their respective president and/or chief executive to attend at least one Council meeting a year to discuss issues of mutual interest. This is however subject to the consent of the governing bodies of EFAA and SAFA.
14. EFAA and SAFA sign this Memorandum of Understanding in the spirit of proper cooperation between their organisations but not to the exclusion of entering into any similar memoranda with any other organisations whether national or regional. Both parties agree to inform each other of entry into any such other memoranda.
15. EFAA and SAFA agree that this MoU will be reviewed every two years from the date of signature.

Signed:



Geoffrey Britton
President, EFAA



A.N.Raman
President, SAFA

Dated : 02/11/2011