



**Aiming to strengthen the ties of cooperation
The Telecommunications Regulatory Authority signs a
memorandum of understanding with Jordanian Telecommunication
Regulatory Commission**

Manama- 5 October 2004 – The Telecommunications Regulatory Authority (TRA) signed a memorandum of understanding (MOU) with Jordanian Regulatory Commission (TRC).

The MOU which was signed on Thursday 30th September 2004 in TRC headquarters in Jordan, aims at consolidating the foundations of co-operation between the two telecommunications authorities in different issues of mutual interest, as well as exchanging information and expertise in areas related to the regulation of the telecommunications sector in both countries.

Following the signing of the MOU, the TRA General Director Mr. A. Andreas Avgousti stated : “ This MOU complements the strong ties of cooperation between the two sister countries. We are pleased to be here today for this occasion, and look forward to mutual benefit of both regulators in all different aspects of telecommunications regulation”.

The Chairman of TRC Eng. Mona Najim stated: “We are happy to sign this MOU with our brothers in TRA Bahrain who are the first country in the Gulf to achieve a liberalized telecommunications market. The MOU will allow both regulators to exchange information and expertise in regulatory aspects, which in turn would enable both regulators to achieve their goals more efficiently”.

The TRA was established by virtue of Legislative Decree No. 48 of 2002, and it is an independent authority, the functions and terms of reference of which include protecting and safeguarding the interests of subscribers and encouraging a fair play and effective competition between operators in the telecommunications field in the Kingdom of Bahrain.

On the other hand, TRC was established in 1995 and supervises and regulates the telecommunications, information technology and the postal services market. TRC's purpose is to promote the development of these sectors, to ensure the proper operation of the relevant market in the context of sound competition and to provide for the protection of the interests of the end-users.

About the TRA

The Telecommunications Regulatory Authority (TRA) was established by Legislative Decree No. 48 promulgating the Telecommunications Law. The TRA is an independent body and its duties and powers include, among other things, protecting the interests of subscribers and users and promoting effective and fair competition among existing and new licensed operators. More information regarding the TRA can be viewed at www.tra.org.bh