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3rd Session of the German-Qatari Joint Economic Commission



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From 12th to 13th December 2012 the 3rd session of the German-Qatari Joint Economic Commission took place in Doha. The commission with a special workgroup for investments was established in 2007 to strengthen bilateral economic ties between the two countries. This year's session was chaired by H.E. Anne Ruth Herkes, State Secretary at the Ministry of Economics and Technology of the Federal Republic of Germany on the German side and on the Qatari side by H.E. Yousef Hussain Kamal, Minister of Economy and Finance of the State of Qatar. The Qatar-German-Business-Forum takes the 3rd session of the German-Qatari Joint Economic Commission as an opportunity to provide detailed information on the trade

between Qatar and Germany, the EU, the USA and other countries.

Qatar and Germany are already economically linked through a contract for the promotion and protection of investments, as well as having had an air transport agreement since 1999. In addition, the German Business Council Qatar was founded in 2002 and in 2011 the Qatar German Partnership was established, acting as a union and a platform for a long-term sustainable cooperation between German and Qatari companies. Imports from Qatar to Germany amounted to EUR 635m from January-September 2012, whereas German exports to Qatar decreased by nearly 36% to about EUR

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