

CULTURAL AGREEMENT

BETWEEN

THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF INDIA

AND

THE GOVERNMENT OF THE GRAND DUCHY OF

LUXEMBOURG

The Government of the Republic of India

and

The Government of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg

Inspired by a common desire to establish and develop closer cultural relations, and

Desirous of promoting and developing in every possible manner the relations and understanding between India and Luxembourg in the realms of art, culture, education, including academic activity in the fields of science and technology, sports, public health and mass media of information and education.

Have agreed to conclude the following Agreement:

Article 1

The contracting parties shall facilitate and encourage cooperation in the fields of art and culture, education, including academic activity in the fields of science and technology, public health, mass media of information and education, sports and games and journalism in order to contribute towards a better knowledge of their respective cultures and activities in these fields.

Article 2

The contracting parties shall encourage and facilitate:

- (a) reciprocal visits of professors and experts for delivering lectures, study tours and conducting special courses;
- (b) reciprocal visits of representatives of educational, literary, scientific, technical artistic and sports fields and journalists, associations and organisations and participation in congresses, conferences, symposia and seminars; and

- (c) reciprocal visits by archaeologists of the one country to the other to enable them to gain experience of excavation as well as preservation and display of archaeological finds, and for training purposes, and also in regard to exchange of specimens or casts.

#### Article 3

The contracting parties shall further exchange materials in the fields of culture, science, education and sports, translation and exchange of books, periodicals and other educational, scientific, technical, cultural and sports publications, and wherever possible, exchange of art specimens.

#### Article 4

Each contracting party shall endeavour to provide facilities and scholarships to students and scientific personnel of the other country seeking to study in its institutions of higher education and research laboratories.

#### Article 5

Each contracting party undertakes to examine the conditions under which the diplomas, certificates and university degrees are officially awarded/ recognised in the educational and other institutions.

#### Article 6

Each contracting party shall endeavour to present different facets of the life and culture of the other party through the media of radio, television and press. With this end in view, the two parties shall exchange suitable materials and programmes.

#### Article 7

The contracting parties shall facilitate and promote:

- (a) exchange of artists, and dance and music ensembles;
- (b) exchange of art and other exhibitions;
- (c) exchange of films, documentaries, radio and television programme recordings and recordings on discs and tapes; and
- (d) exchange of experts in the field of cinematography and participation in each other's International Film Festivals.

#### Article 8

The contracting parties shall encourage visits of sports teams between the two countries and shall facilitate, subject to the national laws and regulations in force, their stay and movements in their respective territories.

#### Article 9

The contracting parties shall, to the extent possible, ensure that text-books prescribed for their educational institutions, particularly those relating to History and Geography, do not contain any error or misrepresentation of facts about each other's country.

#### Article 10

Each contracting party shall welcome the establishment in its territory of cultural institutes or friendship associations of the other contracting party devoted to educational and cultural pursuits by the other contracting party, in accordance with the laws, regulations and general policy in this regard, being understood that prior clearance of the Government concerned would be obtained before any institution is established under this article.

Article 11

For the fulfilment of the objectives of the present Agreement, a Joint Committee may be established by the contracting parties consisting of representatives of the two Governments, which shall meet as agreed between the contracting parties at the request of either of the parties alternately in New Delhi and Luxembourg.

The Joint Committee will be responsible for reviewing periodically the working of the present Agreement, advising the Government concerned in formulating and recommending any items of interest to either party in the fields envisaged in the present Agreement, as also advising the manner in which the working of the Agreement may be improved upon.

Article 12

The present Agreement shall come into force on the date of the exchange of the instruments of ratification. It shall remain in force for a period of five years and shall be renewed automatically thereafter for a further periods of five years each until either contracting party gives to the other a six months prior notice of its intention to terminate the present Agreement.

In witness whereof, for this purpose, the duly authorised Plenipotentiaries (representatives of the contracting parties) have signed the present Agreement and set their seals to it.

Done at New Delhi on the Tenth day of September Nineteen hundred and Ninety Six (AD) corresponding to Nineteenth Bhadra, Nineteen hundred and Eighteen (SAKA) in six originals, two each in Hindi, French and English language, all the texts being equally authentic except that in case of doubt the English text shall prevail.

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