

AGREEMENT

BETWEEN

THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF INDIA

AND

THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

ON

COOPERATION IN THE FIELD OF EDUCATION

PREAMBLE

The Government of the Republic of India and the Government of the Republic of South Africa (hereinafter jointly referred to as "the Parties" and in the singular as "a Party");

CONVINCED that cooperation in the field of education constitutes an important sphere of bilateral relations;

DESIROUS for the development of cooperation between the two Parties in the field of education and taking into account the significance of such cooperation for mutual understanding between the peoples of the Republic of South Africa and the Republic of India;

WILLING to create a firm base for this cooperation;

HEREBY AGREE as follows:

Article 1 COMPETENT AUTHORITIES

The competent authorities responsible for the implementation of this Agreement shall be

- (a) in the case of the Republic of India, the Ministry of Human Resource Development;
- and
- (b) in the case of the Republic of South Africa, the Department of Education

Article 2 EXCHANGE OF DELEGATION, EXPERTS AND ACADEMICS

- (1) The Parties shall exchange delegations consisting of officials of the competent authorities in order to familiarise themselves with their respective educational systems.
- (2) The Parties shall encourage various exchanges for educational purposes including the exchange of experts and academic.

Article 3 EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION

The Parties shall encourage the exchange of educational information and publications.

Article 4
COOPERATION AND PROGRAMME OF ACTION

- (1) The Parties shall encourage the development of direct contacts and partnerships between their higher education institutions in compliance with the domestic law of their respective countries.
- (2) The Parties shall encourage cooperation between their respective National Commission for the United Nations Education Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), established in their countries.
- (3) The substance and implementation of activities of cooperation within the framework of this Agreement may be the subject of more specific technical arrangements concluded between stated institutions in the two countries on the basis of the present Agreement.

Article 5
PARTICIPATION IN CONFERENCES

The Parties shall encourage the participation of their representatives in relevant education congresses, conferences, seminars, workshops, and other meetings held in the Republic of South Africa or in the Republic of India, as the case may be.

Article 6
FINANCIAL MATTERS

- (1) The full cost of visits in various fields covered by this Agreement shall be met by the sending Party or autonomous body, as the case may be, unless otherwise agreed upon by the Parties in writing.
- (2) The sending Party shall furnish the receiving Party, in writing, with the particulars of the proposed programme and number of delegates one month before the delegates arrive.
- (3) The Costs of the cooperative activities under this Agreement shall be funded on terms to be mutually determined by the Parties and shall be subject to the availability of funds.

Article 7
AMENDMENTS

This Agreement may be amended by mutual consent of the Parties through an Exchange of Notes between the Parties through the diplomatic channel.

**Article 8
SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTES**

Any disputes between the parties arising out of the interpretation, application or implementation of the provisions of this Agreement shall be settled amicably through consultations or negotiations between the Parties.

**Article 9
JOINT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE (JMC)**


- (1) The Parties shall identify relevant officials to serve on a Joint Management Committee to oversee the execution of the Agreement.
- (2) The JMC shall meet at least once a year alternately in the Republic of India and the Republic of South Africa, or as the Parties may determine, to review the implementation of this Agreement.

**Article 10
ENTRY INTO FORCE, DURATION AND TERMINATION**

- (1) This Agreement shall enter into force on the date of signature thereof.
- (2) This Agreement shall remain in force for a period of three (3) years whereafter it shall automatically be renewed for further period of one (i) year, unless terminated in accordance with sub-Article (3).
- (3) This Agreement may be terminate by either Party giving six months written notice in advance through the diplomatic channel of its intention to terminate it.
- (4) The termination of this Agreement shall not affect the completion of any cooperation project undertaken prior to the termination thereof, unless otherwise agreed upon by the parties in writing.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the undersigned, being duly authorized thereto by their respective Governments, have signed and sealed this Agreement in two originals in the English and Hindi Languages, all texts being equally authentic. In the case of divergence of interpretation, the English text shall prevail.

Done at *Pretoria* on this the *2nd October* day of 2006.


For the Government of
The Republic of India


For the Government of the
Republic of South Africa

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