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## CULTURAL AGREEMENT<sup>1</sup> BETWEEN THE KINGDOM OF THE NETHERLANDS AND THE REPUBLIC OF INDIA

The Government of the Kingdom of the Netherlands and the Government of the Republic of India (hereinafter referred to as “the Contracting Parties”),

Desiring to promote and develop cultural cooperation in the broadest sense between the two countries,

Convinced that such cooperation will contribute to the furtherance of mutual understanding and friendship between the two countries,

Have agreed as follows:

### *Article 1*

The Contracting Parties shall promote close cooperation between organisations and institutions of the two countries in the fields of education and science. To this end they shall encourage, as far as possible and on the basis of reciprocity, the exchange of professors, academic staff members, scientists and students, in particular within the framework of common projects, while granting them facilities, subject to the national laws and regulations in force, for stay and movements in their respective countries.

### *Article 2*

The Contracting Parties are prepared to grant on the basis of reciprocity scholarships and fellowships for students and young research workers for study in the other country.

### *Article 3*

The Contracting Parties shall encourage and facilitate the exchange of information and documentation concerning developments in education, science and research in their respective countries.

### *Article 4*

The Contracting Parties shall encourage in their respective countries the study and the teaching of the language, literature and cultures of the other country at universities and other institutions of learning and higher education in order to contribute towards a better knowledge of their respective countries.

### *Article 5*

Subject to prior approval of the Contracting Party concerned and the national laws and regulations in force, each Contracting Party may establish a cultural institute in the territory of the other. Subsidiary arrangements as may be necessary for the implementation of the foregoing provision shall be laid down in a protocol additional to this Agreement.

<sup>1</sup> Came into force on 1 February 1986, i.e., the first day of the second month following the date on which the Contracting Parties had notified each other (on 12 November and 6 December 1985) of the completion of their respective constitutional requirements, in accordance with article 12.

### *Article 6*

The Contracting Parties shall promote close cooperation between organisations and institutions of their respective countries in the field of culture in its broadest sense, including museums, public art galleries, libraries, archives, socio-cultural institutions, mass-media and film organisations, and organisations and institutions for adult education, archaeology, nature and urban conservation, public health, sport and youth. To this end they shall support, as far as possible and on the basis of reciprocity, the exchange of persons engaged in these fields, while granting them facilities, subject to the national laws and regulations in force, for stay and movements in their respective countries.

### *Article 7*

The Contracting Parties shall promote and facilitate the exchange and visits of persons engaged in the fields of culture and the arts, including writers, translators, composers, architects, creative and performing artists, art and literature critics, journalists and other such experts.

### *Article 8*

The Contracting Parties shall promote and facilitate artistic presentations to make the cultures of each country better known to the other, including the exchange of exhibitions, of performances of music, theatre and dance, of books and other publications of a cultural nature, as well as of films and other audio-visual materials.

### *Article 9*

Each Contracting Party shall encourage in its country the translation, reproduction and publication of literary, artistic, musical or academic works produced by the nationals or organisations of the other country.

### *Article 10*

In order to further the implementation of this Agreement each Contracting Party shall facilitate, in accordance with its laws and regulations in force, the importation, for non-commercial purposes and circulation, of all material originating from the country of the other Party.

### *Article 11*

Representatives of the Contracting Parties shall meet according to need and in principle every two years, alternately in India and in the Netherlands, to consider and decide upon programmes of two or three years' duration in implementation of the provisions of this Agreement.

### *Article 12*

This Agreement shall enter into force on the first day of the second month after the date on which the Contracting Parties have notified each other in writing that the pertinent constitutional requirements in their respective countries have been complied with.

### *Article 13*

As regards the Kingdom of the Netherlands, the Agreement applies to the European part of the Kingdom only.

*Article 14*

Following an initial period of validity of five years the present Agreement shall tacitly be extended for an indefinite period, either Contracting Party reserving the right to terminate this Agreement, giving six months' written notice to the other Contracting Party.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the undersigned plenipotentiaries, being duly authorised thereto by their respective governments, have signed this Agreement.

DONE at The Hague, on this twenty-fourth day of May 1985 A.D. corresponding to this third day of Jyaistha 1907 (Saka era), in two originals each in the Dutch, Hindi and English languages, all texts being equally authentic except in case of doubt when the English text shall prevail.

For the Government  
of the Kingdom of the Netherlands:

[Signed]

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