

**Agreement on Security Cooperation between the Government of the Republic of India and the Government of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia**

The Government of the Republic of India and the Government of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, hereinafter referred to as "the Parties";

Promoting existing ties between both countries;

Desiring to establish mutual cooperation in the field of security;

Recognizing the mutual benefits of such cooperation;

Adhering to their applicable laws and legislations; and

Respecting their national sovereignty;

Have agreed as follows:

**Article 1**

**First:** The Parties agree to cooperate in combating all forms of crime, especially the following;

1. Crimes of terrorism and its financing;
2. Crimes against the State;
3. Organized crime including trans-border crimes;
4. Crimes relating to the production and smuggling of narcotics, psychotropic substances and precursor chemicals used in the manufacturing thereof;
5. Financial and economic crimes, as well as crimes of money laundering;
6. Crimes of corruption;
7. Crimes of fraud;
8. Crimes of forgery and counterfeiting of currency;
9. Crimes of stealing or smuggling means of transport, or the illicit trading therein;

10. Crimes of stealing or smuggling firearms, ammunition or explosives, or the illicit trading therein;
11. Crimes of stealing radioactive, nuclear, bacterial, biological or chemical materials, or the illicit trading therein;
12. Crimes of homicide and assault against persons or property;
13. Crime of human trafficking;
14. Crimes of illegal immigration, smuggling of persons, and illegal border-crossing;
15. Crimes of stealing or smuggling antiquities and items of historical, cultural or artistic value, or the illicit trading therein;
16. Cyber crimes and radicalization propaganda, and other terror related activities on the cyber space having any security implications;
17. Environmental crimes;
18. Any other crime the prevention, detection or investigation of which requires the cooperation of the competent authorities of both countries.

**Second:** The Parties may, upon mutual agreement, cooperate in other security fields, provided that such cooperation is consistent with the purposes of this Agreement.

## Article 2

The Parties shall cooperate in combating the crimes stipulated in this Agreement through the following means and procedures:

1. Each party shall notify the other party of any available information on any criminal activity targeting the other party, whether committed or being plotted, in the territory of either party or that of a third party.
2. Application of controlled delivery between the Parties in cases relating to narcotics, psychotropic substances, and chemical precursors.

3. Search for wanted persons and exchange of information and personal data of individuals suspected of committing any of the aforementioned crimes, including financial and banking information, and providing justification therefor.
4. Expeditious exchange of information on terrorist individuals, groups, or organizations, particularly information regarding their structure, activities, funding sources, and means of communication.
5. Assessment of threats posed by crimes of terrorism and its financing, organized crimes, crimes relating to narcotics and psychotropic substances and chemical precursors, and the updating of information related thereto to establish precautionary and combating measures.
6. Exchanges of information and expertise pertaining to the protection of means of transportation and passengers.
7. Exchange of information and expertise pertaining to any new means and techniques of committing crimes as well as methods of combating them.
8. Exchange of laws and publications relating to crime combating issued by the competent agencies of the Parties.
9. Exchange of names of persons convicted of serious crimes committed against the other party, as well as names of persons provisionally detained for serious crimes committed by citizens of the other party.
10. Real time drug trafficking related information sharing between designated nodal points of both the countries.

Article 3

If either party detains or arrests a citizen of the other party for any of the crimes provided for in this Agreement, the competent agency of the detaining or arresting party shall immediately notify the other party.

#### Article 4

The parties shall cooperate in security training through the following:

1. training programs and courses;
2. exchange of meetings and visits;
3. conference, exhibitions, and seminars; and
4. exchange of available illustrative and training aids.

#### Article 5

Either party may refuse to execute the cooperation stipulated in this Agreement, wholly or partially, if such cooperation:

1. undermines its sovereignty or security;
2. conflicts with its domestic laws;
3. jeopardizes its investigation or proceeding;
4. conflicts with a judicial proceeding carried out in its territory; or
5. conflicts/contradicts with the basic principles of legal system or the existing domestic laws.

#### Article 6

The Parties shall maintain the confidentiality of information exchanged under this Agreement. Such information shall exclusively used for the purposes for which it was provided, and neither party may transfer or pass it to a third party without the written consent of the providing party. The Parties shall

continue to implement the provisions of this Article in case of this Agreement's termination.

**Article 7**

This Agreement shall not affect rights and obligations under any other bilateral or multilateral international treaty binding on either party.

**Article 8**

Disputes arising from the interpretation, application, or implementation of this Agreement shall be settled through direct communication between the Parties. If no agreement is reached, such disputes shall be settled through diplomatic channels and may not be referred to any court, tribunal or third party for settlement.

**Article 9**

Expenses relating to the implementation of this Agreement shall be borne by the party on whose territory the expenses were incurred, unless the Parties agree otherwise.

**Article 10**

1. The competent agencies in charge of the implementation of this Agreement are;

Kingdom of Saudi Arabia: Ministry of Interior and Presidency of State Security

Government of India : Ministry of Home Affairs

2. The competent authorities shall specify in writing, bilateral contact points and their means to facilitate cooperation in all fields of this agreement.

3. Each party shall intimate the other party-through diplomatic channels about any change in the competent authorities.

4. Arabic and English languages shall be considered as official languages for correspondence between the two parties.

**Article 11**

Both the parties if needed, may form a committee of competent agencies of both the countries pertaining to combating crime and training in security fields which shall discuss aspects of cooperation in security fields of both countries, necessary recommendations to develop this agreement and put up them to the concerned authorities of both parties. This committee shall meet alternatively in both countries whenever needed based on request of any one of the parties.

**Article 12**

1. This agreement shall enter into force on the date of last notification, exchanged between the parties through diplomatic channels, confirming completion of necessary internal procedures for that.

2. This agreement could be modified after mutual consent and the modifications could be incorporated in accordance with the procedure mentioned in paragraph (1) of this Article.

3. This agreement shall be valid from the date of its entry into force for an unspecified period unless either party notifies the other in writing, of its intention to terminate through diplomatic channels, at least six months prior to date of termination. This will not affect the requests submitted during valid agreement.

Signed at Riyadh on 29<sup>th</sup> October, 2019 in two originals, each in Hindi, English and Arabic languages, all texts being equally authentic. In case of any differences in interpretation of the Hindi or Arabic texts, the English version shall prevail.

For Government of the Republic of India

For Government of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia

