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**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
FOR COOPERATION
BETWEEN
THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS OF THE
REPUBLIC OF INDIA
AND
THE MINISTRY OF PUBLIC SECURITY OF THE
SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM**

The Ministry of Home Affairs of the Republic of India and the Ministry of Public Security of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam (hereinafter referred to as the "Parties");

Guided by the desire to consolidate the strategic cooperative partnership between the two countries;

Recalling the Joint Declaration on the comprehensive cooperation framework between the Republic of India and the Socialist Republic of Vietnam signed in May 2003 and the Joint Declaration on the Strategic Partnership between India and Vietnam signed on July 06, 2007;

Reaffirming the desire to further strengthen and consolidate their discussions and cooperation in the framework of their bilateral dialogue mechanism on counter terrorism, transnational organized crime, and other relevant areas;

Have agreed as follows:

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Article 1

The Parties shall enhance cooperation, subject to their respective domestic laws, in combating international terrorism. To this end, the Parties shall :

- (a) Exchange experiences and information on terrorist activities, terrorist groups and their linkages;
- (b) Exchange experiences on combating hijacking, hostage situations and other crimes similar to terrorism;
- (c) Coordinate anti-terrorism endeavours at regional and multilateral levels.

Article 2

The Parties shall cooperate, subject to their respective domestic laws, in the prevention and suppression of transnational organized criminal and illegal activities as follows:

- (a) Money laundering, other economic crime;
- (b) Illegal production, distribution and trade in narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances including chemical precursors;

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- (c) Illegal dealing and trafficking in firearms, ammunition, explosives, strategic and prohibited materials;
- (d) High- tech crime;
- (e) Other transnational organized crime.

Article 3

Cooperation between the Parties in the areas above shall be accomplished by:

- (a) Exchanging information in all areas indicated in Article-1 and 2 above;
- (b) Taking coordinated measures in their respective territories against illegal and criminal activities indicated in Article-1 and 2 above;
- (c) Exchanging regulations, publications and results of scientific research in the areas of mutual interest;
- (d) Making joint efforts in scientific research, technical exchange in all areas covered under Article-1 and 2 above.

Article 4

The Parties shall promote coordination in regional and multilateral endeavours with reference to areas listed in Articles 1 and 2 and for this

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purpose carry out exchange of positions and views on related regional and multilateral issues.

Article 5

The Parties shall strengthen cooperation in the areas of training and capacity building and to this end:

- (a) Organize technical exchanges between their respective Ministries, agencies, and organizations;
- (b) Provide training slots, on a reciprocal basis, in their training institutions;
- (c) Encourage exchanges between police forces and experts to share experiences and training;
- (d) Facilitate exchange of regulations, publications and scientific research in areas of mutual interest; and
- (e) Organize seminars on issues of mutual interest.

Article 6

The Parties shall strengthen co-operation between Interpol National Central Bureau (NCB), India and Interpol National Central Bureau (NCB) Vietnam, in a beneficial manner in accordance with the Interpol's Regulations.

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Article 7

The Parties shall establish a mechanism to facilitate the effective implementation of the Memorandum of Understanding and to this end:

- (a) Designate the Policy Planning Division of the Ministry of Home Affairs of the Republic of India and the International Cooperation Department of the Ministry of Public Security of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam to work out the details, timing and methods of implementation of this Memorandum of Understanding, which shall be submitted to their respective Ministers or corresponding officials for approval;
- (b) Send delegations to meet once every year, alternately in the capital of each country, to exchange information on the implementation of this Memorandum of Understanding and discuss plans for future cooperation;
- (c) Encourage to strengthen the exchanges of police, security delegation between the Parties, especially the exchanges of expert delegations on special subjects and specific areas as agreed by the Parties;

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- (d) Hold meetings between experts, when considered necessary, by mutual agreement in advance; and

- (e) Contact details of focal points on both sides may be exchanged for speedy interaction to facilitate the implementation of the Memorandum of Understanding.

Article 8

The delegation and official exchange under this Memorandum of Understanding shall be implemented; the international return airfare shall be borne by the delegation sending Party while meals, accommodation and local transport shall be borne by the delegation receiving Party.

Article 9

The information and materials exchanged under this Memorandum of Understanding shall not be handed over to a third party without the prior consent, in writing, of the originating Party.

Article 10

Issues not covered by this Memorandum of Understanding may be decided through consultation between the Parties.

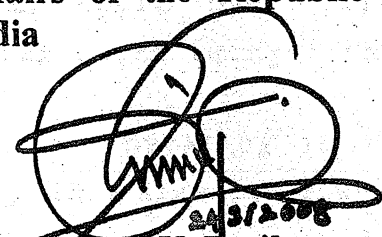
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Article 11

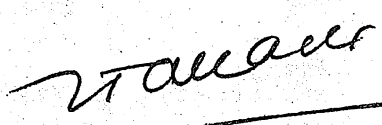
This Memorandum of Understanding shall be valid for five years commencing from the date of signing. Before 03 months of expiry of validity, if the Parties do not have any opinions in writing about validity termination, it shall be automatically renewed for another five years. The Memorandum of Understanding may be terminated by either Party after giving a written notice, of its intention to do so, of not less than 90 days in advance. The Memorandum of Understanding is subject to modification by mutual agreement whenever necessary.

DONE at New Delhi on the 24th day of March 2008 in two originals each in Hindi, Vietnamese and English languages, all texts being equally authentic. In case of any divergence in interpretation, the English text shall prevail.

For the Ministry of Home Affairs of the Republic of India


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