

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

BETWEEN

THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

AND

THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

ON

COOPERATIVE MEASURES TO INCREASE AWARENESS OF
AND SUPPORT FOR EFFORTS TO COMBAT PRODUCTION,
DISTRIBUTION AND USE OF ILLEGAL DRUGS

The Government of India and the Government of the United States of America recognize that the production, distribution and consumption of illegal drugs is an international problem that respects no national boundaries. These illicit activities pose a direct threat to the health, economies and democratic institutions of our countries.

As democratic societies the two countries recognize that the support of the citizenry is essential to the success of Government policies. Only with support from all sectors of society, including members of Government, opinion leaders, the media and the public, can effective anti-drug policies be implemented.

In pursuance of Article-I of the bilateral agreement signed on March 23, 1990 between the Government of India and the Government of the USA, the two countries affirm that the exchange of ideas, activities and experiences from a broad spectrum of Government agencies, non-government organizations and the private sector is essential to the success of this effort.

In order to effectively address all aspects of this problem, the two countries intend to carry out joint, cooperative, long-term programmes to raise awareness of and build support for anti-narcotics activities.

Examples of joint activities which the Governments might carry out in fulfilment of the above objectives are :

Coordinating the creation of publicly accessible informational data on narcotics production, consumption and trafficking. This could include information on anti-narcotics education and prevention programs, crime and justice statistics and initiatives, as well as a registry of public and private sector organizations active in anti-narcotics activities.

Working with the mass communications media to promote more dissemination of information on the threat to our societies posed by illegal narcotics production, consumption and trafficking, and on the bilateral cooperative efforts our Governments have undertaken to combat those threats.

Supporting the production of anti-narcotics informational and educational materials for use with all sectors of society.

Cosponsoring informational meetings and seminars to promote understanding of and participation in bilateral anti-narcotics activities.

Working with pertinent organizations to facilitate the exchange of experts and technical specialists on narcotics issues and programs.

Recognizing and encouraging non-governmental and private sector organizations in their anti-drug activities.

In conclusion, the Governments intend to designate their respective appropriate agencies or institutions to fulfill the objectives set forth in this document so that the work of these bodies coincides with the national policies, strategies and plans of each signatory country.

This Memorandum of Understanding shall enter into force on the date of its signature.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned, ^{at:} being duly authorized by their respective Governments, have signed this Memorandum of Understanding.

DONE at Washington, this 18th day of May, 1994, in two originals each in the Hindi and English languages, all texts being equally authentic. However, in case of doubt, the English text shall prevail.

FOR THE GOVERNMENT
OF INDIA

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FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF
THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

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