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**AGREEMENT ON MUTUAL COOPERATION
BETWEEN
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF INDIA
AND
THE GOVERNMENT of LAO PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC
ON
DRUG DEMAND REDUCTION AND PREVENTION OF ILLICIT
TRAFFICKING IN NARCOTIC DRUGS AND PSYCHOTROPIC
SUBSTANCES AND RELATED MATTERS**

The Government of the Republic of India and the Government of Lao People's Democratic Republic (hereinafter referred to as the Contracting Parties);

Considering that the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs of 1961, as amended by the 1972 Protocol; the Convention on Psychotropic Substances of 1971 and the UN Convention against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances, 1988 form the basis for national and international drug control;

Affirming their commitment to the Declaration adopted by the Special Session of the UN General Assembly in June 1998 on Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking as an expression of the political will of nations to combat the drug menace;

Sharing a deep concern over the illicit cultivation, production, processing and trafficking in illicit drugs;

Reaffirming their joint determination to combat the drug menace;

Taking into due consideration their constitutional, legal and administrative systems and respect for the national sovereignty of their respective State;

Have agreed as follows:

ARTICLE - I

In furtherance of the objectives of this Agreement, subject to their national laws, the Contracting Parties agree to:-

- (a) exchange literature on existing laws, rules, procedures, etc. concerning drug abuse control and on amendments which may take place in the existing laws in future;
- (b) combat drug trafficking, prevent money laundering and cooperate in tracing, identifying, freezing, seizing and forfeiting of properties derived from or used in illicit traffic;
- (c) provide, in accordance with their domestic laws, mutual legal assistance where necessary, including, but not limited to, service of summons and other judicial documents, taking testimony of witnesses, exchange of records, articles of evidence;
- (d) allow and assist each other in the appropriate use of controlled delivery on case-by-case basis with a view to identifying persons involved in the trafficking including diversion of precursor, essential chemicals and solvents.

ARTICLE - II

The Contracting Parties agree to use their best efforts, consistent with their national laws, to take appropriate action, where applicable, to cooperate in measures:-

- (a) for exchange of information of operational, technical and general nature between the Competent Authorities of the Republic of India and of Lao PDR;
- (b) to assist one another in operational matters including employing such investigative technique as may be necessary;
- (c) to identify and destroy illegal narcotic drugs processing sites and laboratories and to identify and eradicate illicit cultivation of cannabis and opium poppy wherever found;
- (d) to regulate and monitor the production, importation, exportation, storage, distribution and sale of precursors, essential chemicals and solvents which may be used in the illicit manufacture and production of drugs;

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- (e) to exchange information and collaborate in reducing the demand for drugs through prevention, awareness education and community based programmes, treatment and rehabilitation;
- (f) to share resources for training Drug Law Enforcement Officers.
- (g) To promptly exchange information about the arrest of the citizens of one Contracting Party in the territory of the other and to provide further information on investigations, prosecutions and related matters
- (h) Exchange information on licit production and use of narcotic raw materials and opiates by the drug industry so as to help maintain a balance between global demand and supply of narcotic drugs and identify means to promote bilateral trade.

ARTICLE - III

The nature of intelligence/information which may be exchanged between the two countries under this Agreement shall be:

- (a) Operational intelligence which may be communicated through the fastest means of communication, viz., telephone, telex/fax and e-mail.
- (b) Information of a detailed nature which may be communicated through correspondence in order to build up dossiers in respect of narcotic drugs traffickers, smugglers, suspects, financiers, organizers, etc.

The information shall normally be exchanged in the formats at appendices I & II relating to cases of illicit traffic and persons involved in trafficking respectively. Any other information of significance may be exchanged in any other format as and when necessary.

Information between the Contracting Parties under this Agreement will be conveyed in English.

ARTICLE-IV

Except with the consent of the Party providing the information, the Contracting Parties shall not use information received from the other Party, for any purpose other than that for which the information was requested and provided, and shall not disclose such information to any third Party or to any other entity without the consent of the Party which had provided the information.

ARTICLE-V

This Agreement shall not affect the rights and obligations arising from other international agreements signed by the Contracting Parties.

ARTICLE -VI

For effective operation of this Agreement the Contracting Parties may hold meetings between experts whenever considered necessary by mutual consent.

ARTICLE - VII

The Competent organs of the contracting parties shall cooperate in working out and in introduction of new methods to control illegal transactions in narcotic drugs, psychotropic substances and precursors and the treatment and social rehabilitation of addicts.

ARTICLE-VIII

The contracting parties through their competent organs shall cooperate in training and re-training of personnel, exchange specialists and experts in the field of control over narcotics and exchange national lists of narcotic drugs, psychotropic substances and precursors and inform each other of any changes included in them.

ARTICLE-IX

The Parties will carry out export-import operations connected with narcotic drugs, psychotropic substances and precursors for legal purposes within the scope of the international conventions in the field of control over narcotics.)

ARTICLE - X

✓ For the implementation of this Agreement and exchange of any information the Competent Authorities shall be:

1. For Lao PDR:
As given in Appendix III
2. For the Republic of India
As given in Appendix IV

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ARTICLE - XI

For the purpose of this Agreement, Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances are understood to be the substances that are scheduled or described in the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs, 1961 as amended by the Protocol of 1972 and Convention on Psychotropic Substances, 1971. Precursors, essential chemicals and solvents are those substances included in the Tables referred to in Article 12 of the UN Convention Against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances, 1988 or any other substances as may be mutually agreed upon.

ARTICLE - XII

Any amendment to or revision of this agreement shall be in writing and shall enter into force in accordance with the procedures stipulated for entry into force of this agreement.

ARTICLE - XIII

Any dispute as to the interpretation or implementation of this agreement shall be resolved by both parties through negotiation or consultation.

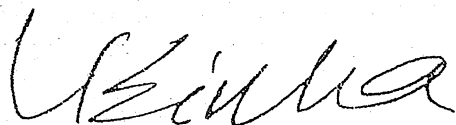
ARTICLE - XIV

This agreement shall come into force on expiry of 30 days after getting the second written notification on implementation by the contracting parties of the procedures necessary for its coming into force and shall remain valid till the revocation of this agreement by one of the contracting parties by at least three months' advance written notification.

In witness whereof the undersigned being duly authorized thereto by their respective Governments have signed this Agreement.

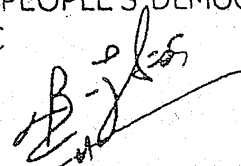
Done at Vientiane on this Sixth day of November in the year Two Thousand and Two in two originals each in the Hindi, Lao, and English languages, all texts being equally authentic. In case of doubt, however, the English text shall prevail.

FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF
THE REPUBLIC OF INDIA



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THE LAO PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC
REPUBLIC



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AGREEMENT
BETWEEN
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF INDIA
AND
THE ROYAL GOVERNMENT OF THE KINGDOM OF CAMBODIA
ON
COMBATING INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM, ORGANISED
CRIME AND ILLICIT DRUG TRAFFICKING

The Government of the Republic of India and the Royal Government of the Kingdom of Cambodia hereinafter referred to as "Parties"

Guided by the traditional friendly relations between the two countries and their endeavour to contribute to the further development of their bilateral relations.

Deeply concerned with the expansion of Organized Crime and International Terrorism.

Convinced of the need to enhance bilateral cooperation in combating international terrorism, transnational organized crime and illicit drug trafficking.

Recognizing the mutual advantages of such cooperation for both Parties in accordance with their national laws and regulations.

Taking into consideration the relevant international treaties to which both are Parties.

Desiring to improve the effectiveness of both countries in the prevention, investigation, prosecution and suppression of crime including crime relating to terrorism and drug trafficking and to establish a framework for enhancing cooperation between the officials of intelligence and law-enforcement agencies of the Parties.

Have agreed on the following.

Article I

The Parties shall, within the framework of this Agreement and subject to their domestic laws and regulations cooperate in combating international terrorism, illicit trafficking in narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances