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**Cultural Cooperation Agreement between the  
Government of Ireland and the Government of the  
Republic of India**

**Done at Delhi on 19 January 2006**

**Instruments of ratification exchanged on 11 December 2007**

**Entered into force on 11 December 2007**

**Presented to Dáil Éireann by the Minister for Foreign Affairs**

## **CULTURAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF IRELAND AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF INDIA**

The Government of Ireland and the Government of the Republic of India (hereinafter referred to as the Contracting Parties),

*Inspired by* a common desire to establish and develop closer cultural relations,  
and

*Desirous of* promoting and developing in every possible manner the relations and understanding between Ireland and India in the realms of art, culture, archaeology, education, including activity in the fields of science and technology, public health, mass media, tourism and sports,

**HAVE AGREED** as follows:

### **Article 1**

The Contracting Parties shall facilitate and encourage cooperation in the fields of art and culture, archaeology, education including academic activity in the fields of science and technology, medical research and public health, mass media of information and education, tourism, sports and games in order to contribute towards a better knowledge of their respective cultures and activities in these fields.

### **Article 2**

Each Contracting Party may establish, in the territory of the other, cultural institutes in accordance with laws, regulations and general policy in this regard, it being understood that prior clearance of the Government concerned would be obtained before any such institution is established. The Details regarding the establishment of such institutions shall be settled between the two countries by means of an additional protocol to be negotiated after this agreement enters into force.

### **Article 3**

Contracting Parties shall encourage and facilitate:

- a reciprocal visits of professors and experts for delivering lectures, study tours and special courses;
- b reciprocal visits of representatives of educational, literary, scientific, technical, artistic, sports and journalists' associations and organisations, and
- c participation in congresses, conferences, symposia and seminars.

### **Article 4**

The Contracting Parties shall encourage and facilitate:

- a exchanges in the field of art and culture and in the field of mass media such as films, documentaries, radio and television;
- b exchange of materials in the fields of science, education, sports, archaeology, and
- c translation and exchange of books, periodicals and other educational, scientific, technical, cultural and sports publications, and wherever possible exchanges of copies of art objects.

#### Article 5

Each Contracting Party shall endeavour to provide facilities and scholarships to students and scientific personnel of the other country seeking to study in its institutions of higher education and research laboratories as well as to follow practical training courses.

#### Article 6

The Contracting Parties shall agree to explore actively, having regard to institutional autonomy, the scope for establishing a system for mutual recognition of academic degrees and other qualifications in both countries to facilitate future collaboration.

#### Article 7

Each Contracting Party shall endeavour to present different facets of the life and culture of the other Party through the media of radio, television and press. With this end in view, the two parties shall exchange suitable materials and programmes.

#### Article 8

The Contracting Parties shall facilitate and promote:

- a exchange of artists, and dance and music ensembles;
- b exchange of art and other exhibitions; and
- c exchanges of experts in the field of cinematography and participation in each other's International Film Festivals.

#### Article 9

The Contracting Parties shall encourage visits of sports teams between the two countries and shall facilitate, subject to the national laws and regulations in force, their stay and movements in their respective territories.

## Article 10

The Contracting Parties shall, to the extent possible, ensure that text-books prescribed for their educational institutions, particularly those relating to History and Geography, do not contain any error or misrepresentation of facts about each other's county.

## Article 11

Each Contracting Party shall facilitate, in accordance with its respective laws, the importation for non-commercial purposes and circulation of all material originating from the other party, that may be necessary for the fulfilment of the objectives of this Agreement.

## Article 12

For the implementation of the objectives of the present Agreement, a Joint Committee shall be established by the Contracting Parties as and when considered necessary consisting of an equal number of representatives of the two Governments, which shall meet as agreed upon between the Contracting Parties or at the request of either of them alternately in Dublin and New Delhi at least once in three years.

The Joint Committee will be responsible for:

- a reviewing periodically the implementation of the Agreement in the two countries;
- b advising the Government concerned on the modalities of implementation;
- c formulating cultural, scientific, technological and educational exchange programmes, and reviewing the same;
- d recommending to the Party concerned any item of interest to either party in the fields within the scope of the Agreement; and
- e generally advising the Government concerned as to the manner in which the provisions of this Agreement may be implemented effectively.

## Article 13

The present Agreement shall come into force on the date of exchange of the Instruments of Ratification. It shall remain in force for a period of five years and shall be renewed automatically thereafter for further periods of five years each time unless either Contracting Party gives to the other Party a six months' prior written notice of its intention to terminate it.

In witness whereof the undersigned representatives being duly authorised thereto by their respective Governments, have signed the present Agreement and have affixed their seals.

**DONE** at Delhi on this 19th day of January, 2006 in two originals each in the Hindi, Irish and English languages, all the texts being equally authentic. In case of doubt, the English text shall prevail.

For the Government of Ireland

For the Government of the Republic of  
India

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