

**AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE
REPUBLIC OF INDIA AND THE GOVERNMENT OF
TURKMENISTAN ON COOPERATION IN THE FIELD OF
DEFENCE**

The Government of the Republic of India and the Government of the Turkmenistan hereinafter collectively referred to as the "Parties" and individually referred to as the "Party",

Considering the existing friendly relations between the Parties;

Desiring to strengthen cooperation in the field of Defence for mutual benefit;

Expressing their firm decision to contribute to the development of security, stability and confidence amongst the nations in their respective regions, and in the world, and in accordance with the spirit of the United Nations Charter and its international obligations;

Recognizing that this co-operation should be carried out in an effective, orderly, purposeful and continuous manner on the basis of equality, reciprocity and mutual benefit;

Based on the Neutrality status of Turkmenistan, principles of foreign policy concept and the military doctrine of the Independent, Permanently Neutral Turkmenistan;

Have agreed as follows:

ARTICLE 1

Scope of Cooperation

The Parties hereby agree to cooperate in the following directions, according to their national law, for:

1.1. Promotion of bilateral Military Technical Cooperation in specific areas to be agreed upon, including areas of product support and services, as well as bilateral projects relating to Defence equipment and components/spare parts and utilities.

1.2. Promotion of co-operation in Defence industry, including Defence Public Sector Undertakings, in various areas of mutual interest,

including training, co-production and joint marketing efforts in accordance with the national law of the Parties.

1.3. Promotion of co-operation in defence science and technology through exchange of information, training, visits, exchange of personnel and joint projects.

1.4. Develop bilateral defence relations through:

- a) Exchange of visits, both at official and working levels in the field of defence;
- b) Exchange of experience and information in military and other fields of mutual interest;
- c) Military education and training;
- d) Exchange of military instructors and observers;
- e) Holding of seminars, discussions and symposia;
- f) Any other activities as may be mutually decided

ARTICLE 2

Authorized Bodies

2.1. The authorized bodies of the Parties are as follows:

- a) For the Government of the Republic of India: Ministry of Defence of the Republic of India.
- b) For the Government of Turkmenistan: Ministry of Defence of Turkmenistan.

ARTICLE 3

Planning and Management of Cooperation

3.1. The authorized bodies of the Parties will mutually work out a Plan of defence cooperation activities on an annual basis.

3.2. Program of cooperation shall be agreed through diplomatic channels.

3.3. In order to control, manage and implement this Agreement, the authorised bodies of the Parties will meet periodically to evolve concrete

programmes for mutual benefit. The meetings may be held in the Republic of India and Turkmenistan alternately, as may be mutually decided.

3.4. The agenda and related organizational matters for the conduct of meetings shall be decided by mutual agreement of the Parties.

3.5. The decisions taken as a result of meetings shall be formalized by recording in the form of agreed minutes.

3.6. For the purpose of execution of the mutually agreed programmes of cooperation, the Parties shall, whenever necessary, enter into specific contracts or agreements, without prejudice to the other already existing commitments of the Parties.

3.7. Financial expenses relating to co-operation activities undertaken within the framework of this Agreement shall be met as may be mutually decided by the Parties in each case.

ARTICLE 4

Information Security Arrangements

4.1. Parties shall take necessary measures to ensure secrecy of information, obtained in the course of implementation of this Agreement. Such information shall not be used by either Party to the detriment of the interests of the other Party and also shall not be divulged to any third party without the prior written consent of the other Party.

4.2. In the event of exchange of classified information, transfer of such information will be conducted in compliance with the legislation of the sending Party. The receiving party will ensure the safety of the received information according to its national law. Such information will be used only for the purpose for which it was exchanged or generated. The Party receiving the classified information must assign a level of classification equal to or higher than the classification level that the originating Party had assigned to the information.

4.3 Rules of 4.1 and 4.2 items of this Article shall remain in force even after the termination of this Agreement.

ARTICLE 5

Final Provisions

5.1. This Agreement comes into effect from the date of receiving the last written notification about the fulfillment of internal procedures by the Parties, required for its entry into force.

5.2. This Agreement shall remain in force for a period of five years and it will be automatically renewed for subsequent five year periods at a time unless either of the Parties informs in writing to the other Party via diplomatic channels. In this instance, this Agreement will be terminated during the next six months since the date of receiving notification from the other Party about its intention to terminate the validity of the Agreement.

5.3. The contracts, signed prior to the termination of the Agreement shall continue to remain valid until the full implementation of the obligations previously established for each of them.

5.4. This Agreement may be amended by mutual consent of the Parties and may be formalized by separate protocols and shall come into force in accordance with the provisions of 5.1 of this article and shall remain as an integral part of this Agreement.

5.5. Any differences on the interpretation or application of this Agreement shall be resolved by mutual consultation and negotiation.

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

Done at Ashgabat on 11th July, 2015, in two original copies, each in Hindi, Turkmen and English, all texts being equally authentic.

In the event of any dispute regarding interpretation of this Agreement, the English version shall prevail.

**ON BEHALF OF THE
GOVERNMENT OF THE
REPUBLIC OF INDIA**



(Navtej Sarna)

**Secretary (West)
Ministry of External Affairs**

**ON BEHALF OF THE
GOVERNMENT OF
TURKMENISTAN**



(Col. Yusup Muhammetgulyev)

**Deputy Minister of Defence of
Turkmenistan**