MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF INDIA AND THE GOVERNMENT OF TURKMENISTAN ON COOPERATION IN YOGA AND TRADITIONAL MEDICINE

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

Following the principles of friendly and benevolent relations, mutual respect and close cooperation;

Intending to promote cooperation in yoga and traditional medicine for the benefit of States of the Parties;

Guided by goals and principles of mutually beneficial relationship, supporting promotion of international law, generally accepted rules and universal values;

Hoping that cooperation for the benefit of people of the two countries will help in improving the health of people of the Parties;

Have reached the following mutual understanding:

Article 1

The Parties shall set up a Centre of Yoga and Traditional Medicine in Ashgabat on the basis of mutual agreement.

Article 2

The Parties have the following goals for mutually beneficial cooperation in the above areas:

- To organize the activities of the Centre of Yoga and Traditional Medicine in Ashgabat;

- To determine the preferred areas of yoga and traditional medicine;

- To exchange experiences in this area by holding joint discussions;

- To prevent diseases and to promote health;

- To send specialists of States of the Parties to yoga and traditional medicine courses, which will be held in the two countries; and

- To cooperate in training of specialists in the above areas.

Article 3

The Parties shall make their best efforts for holding meetings with prominent specialists on regular and mutually beneficial basis.

Article 4

The Parties shall bear all expenditure related to official visits of specialists to each other. The Parties shall endeavour to support expenditure on accommodation for specialists on long-term deputations.

Article 5

The Parties will resolve all matters related to the work of the Centre on the basis of mutual agreement.

Article 6

This Memorandum does not affect the rights resulting from other international treaties and agreements of the Parties.

Article 7

The Parties can make amendments and additions to this Memorandum by mutual consent, including special protocols, which are an integral part of this Memorandum.

Article 8

The issues arising from application and interpretation of the provisions of this Memorandum will be settled through consultations and negotiations between the Parties.

Article 9

All forms of cooperation described in this Memorandum will be carried out in accordance with legislations of States of the Parties.

Article 10

This Memorandum is valid for a period of 5 years and enters into force from the date of its signature.

Unless either of the Parties notifies the other Party through diplomatic channels of its intention to terminate this Memorandum at least 6 months before its expiry, the Memorandum will automatically be extended for a further period of 5 years.

If the Parties have not agreed otherwise, the termination of this Memorandum will not affect ongoing projects and programmes, which were agreed upon under the provisions of the Memorandum and which were not completed at the time of its termination.

Done at Ashgabat on 11th July, 2015, in two originals each in Hindi, Turkmen and English languages, all versions being equally authentic. In case of any divergence in interpretation of provisions of this Memorandum, the text in English language shall prevail.

FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF INDIA

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