

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING ON MUTUAL COOPERATION BETWEEN
THE FOREIGN SERVICE INSTITUTE OF THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL
AFFAIRS OF THE REPUBLIC OF INDIA AND THE INSTITUTE OF DIPLOMACY
OF THE FOREIGN AFFAIRS MINISTRY OF THE TRANSITIONAL ISLAMIC
STATE OF AFGHANISTAN

The Foreign Service Institute of the Ministry of External Affairs of the Republic of India and the Institute of Diplomacy of the Foreign Affairs Ministry of the Transitional Islamic State of Afghanistan in the spirit of cooperation that has traditionally existed between the two countries and desiring to promote greater cooperation between the two institutions have reached the following understanding:

ARTICLE 1

The two institutions decide to cooperate in the areas which, inter-alia, include:

- Diplomacy and international relations;
- Research and development;
- Assistance in locating specialists in areas needed by either of the two institutions;
- Exchange of faculty and students;
- Conduct of joint research and seminars and the holding of conferences in mutually agreed areas in the spirit of this agreement

ARTICLE 2

The two Institutions will provide for the participation by diplomatic officials in each other's training programmes. The Foreign Service Institute of the Ministry of External Affairs of the Republic of India will assist the Institute of Diplomacy of the Foreign Affairs Ministry of the Transitional Islamic State of Afghanistan in training and in building expertise of the diplomatic cadre of Afghanistan, as mutually agreed.

ARTICLE 3

The two institutions will establish an active information exchange programme related to the curricula of studies, courses, seminars and other academic activity of common interest.

ARTICLE 4

The two institutions will encourage the exchange of students, professors, conference speakers, experts and research scholars for their participation in seminars and other courses.

ARTICLE 5

In accordance with the requests of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Afghanistan, the Foreign Service Institute of India will facilitate, to the extent possible, the acceptance of the diplomats of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Afghanistan for MSc, PhD degrees, including

through distant education, for a period of 4 years to prepare a thesis in a given topic and to defend the thesis in the Scientific Council of the Institute.

ARTICLE 6

The two institutions will encourage the exchange of publications on specialized subjects and also of other public and private institutions of their respective countries.

ARTICLE 7

The two institutions will encourage common research on the subjects of mutual interest.

ARTICLE 8

The two institutions will decide the specifics and logistics of every project they may jointly pursue including specific provisions for financial terms if necessary.

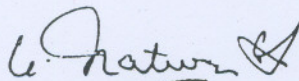
ARTICLE 9

This Memorandum of Understanding on Cooperation shall enter into force on signature and shall remain in force for a period of three years, automatically renewable for similar three year periods at a time, unless terminated by any one party by giving a written notice of 90 days to the other party prior to the date of termination.


Done at New Delhi on this 11th day of September 2004 in two originals each in Hindi, Dari and English languages, all texts being equally authentic. In case of any divergence in interpretation, the English text shall prevail.

On behalf of the Republic
Of India

On behalf of the Transitional
Islamic State of Afghanistan



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