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The Press Trust of India, New Delhi, India referred to hereinafter as PTI, and Bakhtar News Agency, Kabul, Afghanistan, referred to hereinafter as Bakhtar, being eager to promote their cooperation and professional interaction agree as follows:

Article 1

PTI and Bakhtar grant each other the right to receive each other's English language news service and to distribute the same to the press, radio, television and other subscribers in each other's country.

Article 2

To facilitate the news exchange envisaged above, the two agencies with will use e-mail or any other technical means mutually agreed upon.

Article 3

Both agencies reserve the right to select the items received from the other and to edit them to suit the needs of their respective media. However, they would ensure that the content and the meaning of the material exchanged are not altered in the items used. Either agency would give credit to the other for the news.

Article 4

Wherever possible, while covering India and Afghanistan, Bakhtar and PTI shall grant priority to usage of each other's news copy.

Article 5

The two agencies will explore the possibility of enlarging the scope of their cooperation to include exchange of photos, features, graphics and other press material.

Article 6

Either agency may also request the other for any special material subject to payment of costs involved.

Article 7

Either side will not supply the other's news service to internet or any database system that distribute information to its client on a commercial basis without the consent of the agency.

Article 8

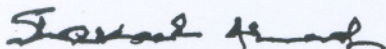
Any question likely to affect the implementation of the provisions of this agreement will be resolved in a spirit of professional cooperation and mutual understanding.

Article 9

The agreement supersedes the agreement that the two agencies had signed in 1982. It will be valid for one year from the date of its signature, and shall be automatically extended every year for a 12 month period unless either party notifies in writing of its desire to revise or terminate the agreement three months prior to its expiry date.

Signed on the 26th day of October 2005.

For
Press Trust of India



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