MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

BETWEEN

THE MINISTRY OF CULTURE OF THE REPUBLIC OF INDIA

AND

THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE KINGDOM OF THE
NETHERLANDS AND THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION, CULTURE
AND
SCIENCE OF THE NETHERLANDS

ON

CULTURAL COOPERATION

The Ministry of Culture of the Republic of India and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Kingdom of the Netherlands and the Ministry of Education, Culture and Science of the Netherlands, hereinafter referred to as "The Signatories".

Desiring to strengthen the existing friendly relations and closer cooperation between the two countries;

Referring to the Agreement between the Government of the Republic of India and the Government of the Netherlands concerning Cultural cooperation signed on 24th May 1985;

Considering the need and scope to further develop and foster the cultural relations and cooperation between the two countries;

Have reached the following understanding:

Paragraph 1

The Signatories will develop the existing cultural cooperation to their mutual benefit, aiming at continuity in and expanding their relationship.

Paragraph 2

The Signatories will encourage direct collaboration between cultural organizations and institutions, both governmental and non-governmental.

Paragraph 3

The Signatories will encourage the exchange of individuals with a view to enhancing the understanding of each other's heritage and culture.

Paragraph 4.1

The Signatories will decide on long term implementation programmes on the priority areas mentioned under paragraph 4.2. The implementation will be further
strengthened on the basis of specific arrangements on cooperation in the priority area mentioned.

**Paragraph 4.2**

The subjects could include the following priority areas:

1. Cultural cooperation in various fields and disciplines such as modern visual arts, films, architecture, design, performing arts;
2. Exhibitions of common interest;
3. Common cultural heritage such as archives, manuscripts, underwater archaeology, built heritage;
4. Sharing of expertise and the exchange of experts in the agreed areas.

**Paragraph 5**

This Memorandum of Understanding will come into effect on the date of its signature and will remain in effect for a period of five (5) years. Therefore it will be automatically renewed for further successive periods, until either Signatory terminates the present MoU by giving a written notice of intention to terminate to the other signatory at least six (6) months in advance.

**Paragraph 6**

The financial arrangements under this MoU will be defined on a case by case basis for the concrete activities in the specific field of cultural exchange as identified under this MoU. This MoU may be amended at any time by mutual written consent of the Signatories.

**Paragraph 7**

Any difference arising out of the interpretation, application, or implementation of the MoU will be settled amicably by mutual consultation or negotiation between the two Signatories.

Done at The Hague on 27th June, 2017 in two originals, each in the Hindi, Dutch and English languages. In case of any divergence in interpretation of this Memorandum of Understanding, the English text prevails.

(For the Ministry of Culture of the Republic of India)  
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