# AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF INDIA AND HIS MAJESTY'S GOVERNMENT OF NEPAL ON COOPERATION IN THE FIELDS OF CULTURE AND SPORTS

The Government of the Republic of India and His Majesty's Government of Nepal hereinafter referred to as the "Contracting Parties".

Inspired by the cordial and friendly relations existing between the two countries and their peoples; and

Desirous of promoting, developing and strengthening of cultural relations and mutual cooperation in the fields of Culture, Youth Affairs and Sports and Theatre between two countries;

Have agreed as follows:

# Article 1

The Contracting Parties hereby agree to maintain and strengthen cooperation in the fields of culture including arts, literature, music, language, archaeology and architecture and sports.

# Article 2

The Contracting Parties shall promote mutual cultural exchange to stimulate cooperation and support the development of relations between the cultural and research institutions of the two countries.

#### Article 3

In accordance with their capabilities, each of the Contracting Parties shall facilitate visits of students and experts to provide training, specialization and research in cultural institutions.

### Article 4

The Contracting Parties shall encourage cooperation between institutions and organizations in the field of culture including museums, archives, art academies and cultural institutions, sports and physical culture, organization of competitions and exchange of information in these fields.

#### Article 5

The Contracting Parties shall work for promoting Films and Theatre by interaction and exchange of material, programmes and personnel in these fields.

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# Article 6

For the purpose of implementation of this Agreement, the Contracting Parties shall conclude periodical programmes of cultural and sports cooperation, specifying concrete activities and the organisational and financial terms of their realisation.

# Article 7

The Contracting Parties shall form a Joint Working Group which shall meet periodically for the purpose of evaluating cooperation and concluding the programmes.

# Article 8

The Contracting Parties shall take appropriate measures to provide all possible facilities for giving effect to the terms of this agreement.

# Article 9

This Agreement shall come into force on the date of notification of completion of internal procedures by both Contracting Parties.

It shall remain in force for a period of five years and shall be renewed automatically thereafter for a further period of five years until either Contracting parties gives the other a six-month prior notice of its intention to terminate the Agreement.

In the case of termination of the present Agreement all projects and activities undertaken on its basis shall be fully implemented under the same conditions they have been started.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the undersigned, duly authorized thereto by their respective Governments, have signed the present Agreement.

Done at New Delhi on the Ninth day of September, 2004, in two originals each in the Hindi, Nepali and English languages, all texts being equally authentic. However, in case of doubt in interpretation, the English text shall prevail.

FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF INDIA

SHYAM SARAN FOREIGN SECRETARY FOR HIS MAJESTY'S GOVERNMENT OF NEPAL

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