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**AGREEMENT
BETWEEN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN
RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT OF THE REPUBLIC
OF INDIA AND
THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION OF THE
REPUBLIC OF BELARUS ON COOPERATION IN
THE FIELD OF EDUCATION**

The Ministry of Human Resource Development of the Republic of India and the Ministry of Education of the Republic of Belarus (hereinafter referred to as "the Parties"),

Desiring to strengthen bilateral relations in the field of education,

Recalling the profound impact of education on human resource, economic and social development,

Recognizing that greater linkages between the two countries in the field of education would be mutually beneficial,

Recalling the Agreement between the Government of the Republic of India and the Government of the Republic of Belarus on Cooperation in the field of Culture, Arts, Education, Mass Media, Sports and Tourism signed on May 14th, 1993,

have agreed as follows:

Article I

The Parties shall encourage, as appropriate, the development of contacts and cooperation between the educational institutions of the two countries, based on their respective academic and educational needs. These may include all or some of the following activities:

- (i) exchange of research materials, publications, training, teaching and study documentation, study manuals, other

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- information and analytical materials;
 - (ii) organization of joint conferences, exhibitions and seminars;
 - (iii) organization of joint research programmes and publications;
 - (iv) organization of training programmes for educational administrators and teachers;
 - (v) exchange of academic and other administrative staff;
 - (vi) exchange of scholars, teachers, experts and students;
 - (vii) twinning arrangements between the institutions of higher education;
 - (viii) development of bilateral programmes between institutions of educational excellence in technical, vocational and higher education;
 - (ix) studying the possibility of mutual recognition of certificates of education;
 - (x) setting up of chairs on contemporary studies;
 - (xi) providing scholarships for further education in recognized institutions of higher education;
 - (xii) providing mutual assistance in the fields of Information Technology, Computer Science, Mathematics & Science;
 - (xiii) any other activity as agreed by the Parties.

Article II

The substance, scope and implementation of activities or cooperation within the terms of this Agreement may be the subject of more specific arrangements concluded between selected institutions in the two countries on the basis of and within the provisions of this Agreement and in accordance with the national legislation of the states of the Parties.

Article III

Nothing shall diminish the full autonomy of either Party, nor will any constraints or financial obligations be imposed by either Party upon the other, in carrying out this Agreement.

Article IV

The costs of the co-operative activities under this Agreement shall be funded on terms to be mutually determined and shall be subject to the availability of funds.

Article V

The Parties shall establish a Joint Working Group to implement this Agreement. The Joint Working Group shall be chaired by representatives of the Parties, along with the participation of representatives of the other agencies of the states of the Parties, as appropriate. The Joint Working Group shall meet alternately in India and Belarus as the Parties may mutually decide to review the implementation of this Agreement. The meeting can be replaced – if needed – by consultations through diplomatic channel.

Article VI

Either Party may request in writing for a revision or amendment of this Agreement.

This Agreement may be amended by mutual consent of both Parties in writing. Such amendments shall come into force on such date as may be determined by the Parties.

Article VII

The Agreement shall enter into force on the date of its signing by the Parties and shall remain in force for a period of five years.

Each party reserves the right, for reasons of security, public order or health, to suspend temporarily, either in whole or in part, the implementation of this Agreement.

The Agreement shall be automatically renewed for the next five-year periods, unless one of the Parties declares its intention to terminate the Agreement by a written declaration through diplomatic channels before six months of the expiry of this Agreement.

In witness whereof, the undersigned being duly authorized by their respective Governments, have signed this Agreement.

Done at New Delhi on Nov 14, 2012 in two originals in Hindi, Russian and English languages, each text being equally authentic. In case of any divergence in interpretation, the text in English shall prevail.

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