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**EXCHANGE PROGRAMME BETWEEN
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF INDIA
AND THE GOVERNMENT OF TURKMENISTAN
ON COOPERATION IN THE FIELD OF EDUCATION**

The Government of the Republic of India and the Government of Turkmenistan hereinafter referred to as "the Parties";

Attaching great importance to strengthening of the co-operation between India and Turkmenistan in the field of education;

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

Recognizing that greater linkages between both the countries in the field of education would be mutually beneficial;

Recalling the Agreement on Cooperation in the spheres of Culture, Arts, Education, Mass Media and Sports between the Government of the Republic of India and Government of Turkmenistan signed in New Delhi on 20th April 1992;

Have agreed as follows:

Article 1

The Parties shall develop 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, educational literature, teaching aids, demonstration material and information;
- 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 and retrain specialists;

- v) Exchange of academic and other administrative staff;
- vi) Exchange of scholars, teachers, experts, students, scientific and pedagogical specialists;
- vii) Twinning arrangements between institutions of higher learning;
- viii) To develop bilateral programmes between institutions of educational excellence in preschool, Secondary, technical, vocational and higher education;
- ix) Providing scholarships for further education in recognized institutions of higher learning;
- x) Providing mutual assistance in the fields of Information Technology, Computer Science, mathematics & science;
- xi) Exchange of information on the issues of the procedure of licensing and state accreditation of education programmes and improvement of quality of education; and
- xii) Any other activity as agreed by both Parties.

Article 2

The Parties shall support establishment of the direct links between the educational institutions of both countries.

Article 3

The Parties shall encourage the mutual participation of the students of the educational institutions from the countries of the parties in international Olympiads, contests, festivals, and other events, held in both countries.

Article 4

The Parties shall co-operate in the sphere of improvement of the quality of education, and with this end in view, they shall exchange information.

Article 5

The parties shall agree upon the mutual recognition of the documents of education and shall proceed from the fact that the equivalency and recognition of all certificates of education, issued by the educational institutions of both states, as well as concrete correlations between them shall be regulated by the corresponding agreement between the parties.

Article 6

The substance, scope and implementation of activities or cooperation within the terms of this Educational Exchange Programme (EEP) 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 the present Educational Exchange Programme.

Article 7

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 the Educational Exchange Programme.

Article 8

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

Article 9

The Parties shall establish a Joint Working Group to implement this Programme. The Joint Working Group shall be chaired, on behalf of the Government of Turkmenistan by a representative of the Ministry of Education, and on behalf of the Government of the Republic of India, by a representative of the Ministry of Human Resource Development, along with the participation of representatives of the other agencies of the parties, as appropriate. The Joint Working Group shall meet alternately in India and Turkmenistan as the Parties may mutually decide to review the implementation of this Programme. The meeting can be replaced – if needed – by consultations through diplomatic channel.

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Article 10

Either Party may request in writing for a revision of or amendment of this Programme. Any revision or amendment agreed to by both Parties shall be received in writing and shall form part of this Programme.

Article 11

The Educational Exchange Programme shall become operational on the date of signing by both the Parties and shall remain in force for a period of five years. It shall be automatically renewed for a further period of five years at a time, unless one of the parties declares its intention to terminate the Programme by a written declaration before six months of the expiry of the Programme.

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 Educational Exchange Programme.

Done at New Delhi on 25th May 2010 in two original copies in English, Hindi and Turkmen languages, all texts being equally authentic. In case of any divergence in interpretation, the text in English shall prevail.

**For the Government of the
Republic of India**



**For the Government
of Turkmenistan**

