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**CULTURAL AGREEMENT  
BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC  
OF INDIA AND THE GOVERNMENT OF  
THE REPUBLIC OF BOTSWANA**

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**The Government of the Republic of India and the Government of the Republic of Botswana; hereinafter referred to as the Contracting Parties;**

**inspired by a common desire to establish and develop closer cultural relations; and**

**Desirous of promoting and developing in every possible manner the relations and understanding between India and Botswana in the fields of art and culture, archaeology, museums, archives, libraries, youth, women and sports.**

**have agreed to conclude the following Agreement:-**

**ARTICLE 1**

**The Contracting Parties shall facilitate and encourage cooperation in the fields art and culture, archaeology, museums, archives, libraries, youth, women and sports in order to contribute towards a better knowledge of their respective cultures and activities in these fields.**

**ARTICLE 2**

**The Contracting Parties shall encourage and facilitate:-**

- a) **reciprocal visits of scholars and experts in the areas covered by this Agreement for lectures, study tours, special courses and special meetings.**

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- b) reciprocal visits of institutions, individuals and administrators involved in the areas covered by this Agreement.
- c) Participation in congresses, conferences, symposia and seminars organised in the areas covered by this Agreement.

### ARTICLE 3

The Contracting Parties shall encourage and facilitate exchange of materials in print and audio-visual form in the fields or areas covered by this Agreement.

### ARTICLE 4

Each Contracting Party shall endeavour to facilitate access to training for the other in areas covered by this Agreement.

### ARTICLE 5

The Contracting Parties shall facilitate and promote:-

- a) exchange of artists, theatre and dance companies, and music ensembles;
- b) exchange of visual arts materials and skills through fairs and exhibitions, and
- c) exchange of experts in the field of cinematography and participation in each other's International Film and other Festivals of areas covered by this Agreement.

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ARTICLE 6

The Contracting Parties shall encourage visits of sports teams between the two countries and shall facilitate, subject to the national laws and regulations in force, their stay and movement in their respective territories, as long as international rules and regulations governing play are not prejudiced.

ARTICLE 7

In the case of exchange visits under this Agreement, each Contracting party shall:

- a) be responsible for its external travel, while the host takes responsibility for local travel, food and accommodation for persons not exceeding thirty.
- b) be responsible for the visitors in terms of immigration clearances, protocol, programme and any such gesture that may be aimed at furthering ideals projected by this Agreement.

ARTICLE 8

Each Contracting Party shall facilitate, in accordance with its respective laws, the importation, for non-commercial purposes and circulation of all materials originating from the objectives of this Agreement.

ARTICLE 9

For the implementation of the objectives of this Agreement, a Joint Committee shall be established by the Contracting Parties, consisting of an equal number of representatives of the two Governments, which shall meet, as agreed upon between the Contracting parties, or at the request of either of them alternately in India and in Botswana at least once in two years.

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**The Joint Committee shall be responsible for:-**

- a) **formulating cultural exchange programmes in the areas covered by this Agreement and review the same;**
- b) **recommending to the party concerned any items of interest to either party in the fields within the scope of this Agreement.**
- c) **advising the Government concerned on the modalities of implementation;**
- d) **reviewing periodically the implementation of this Agreement in the two countries.**

**ARTICLE 10**

**Any dispute or controversy that may arise from the interpretation or application of this Agreement shall be settled by the Contracting Parties by mutual negotiation.**

**ARTICLE 11**

**The present Agreement shall come into force on the date of signing and shall remain in force for a period of three years and shall be renewed automatically thereafter for further periods of three years each time, until either Contracting Party gives the other Contracting Party a six months' prior written notice of its intention to terminate this Agreement.**

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WITNESS WHEREOF, the duly authorised representatives of the contracting Parties have signed this Agreement and affixed their seals thereto.

DONE AT CABORNE ON THIS 14TH

DAY OF MAY 1997..... in two original copies each in English and Hindi languages, all the texts being equally authentic. In case of divergence of interpretation, the English text shall prevail.

*Sd*

NAME: CHERRY GEORGE

SIGNATURE: *Cherry George*

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NAME: BOTSWANA K. SEBELE

SIGNATURE: *Botswana K. Sebele*

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FOR THE GOVERNMENT  
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