

CULTURAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC
OF INDIA AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE STATE OF ISRAEL

The Government of the Republic of India and the Government of the State of Israel, 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 Israel in the realms of art, culture, education including academic activity, and in the fields of sports, journalism, radio, television, and cinema,

Have agreed to conclude the following Agreement:-

Article 1

The Contracting Parties shall facilitate and promote cooperation in the fields of art, culture and education, including academic activity, and in the fields of sports and youth activities, journalism, radio, television, and cinema.

Article 2

The Contracting Parties shall encourage the development of contacts in the field of education, in particular through the exchange visits of academics, scholars and teachers of specialised institutions as well as through the provision of scholarships and specialist training, and participation in congresses, conferences, symposia and seminars. The parties

shall also exchange textbooks, curricula as well as pedagogical and educational methodology materials.

Article 3

The Contracting Parties shall encourage the study of the language, literature, culture and history of each other's countries.

Article 4

The Contracting Parties shall endeavour to facilitate the development of cultural relations between their countries. For this purpose they shall exchange study and lecture visits by specialists in that field as well as exchange literature and publications.

Article 5

For the purpose of making people in both countries aware of each other's lives, traditions and culture, the Contracting Parties shall promote the development of cooperation between them in the fields of culture and the arts. They shall facilitate, in particular, the exchange of exhibitions as well as information on the life, natural conditions and history of each other's peoples.

Such contacts shall also be developed between national museums, national libraries, national archives as well as between performing artists and entertainers.

Article 6

The Contracting Parties shall encourage cooperation in the field of cinema and between journalists, radio and television organizations of the two countries including the

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exchange of television and radio programmes and visits by delegations and individual specialists in the field of television, radio broadcasting and cinema.

Article 7

The Contracting Parties shall encourage cooperation in the field of sports, particularly through the exchange of sportsmen, coaches and the organization of sports meetings and events.

Article 8

The Contracting Parties shall encourage contacts between youth and non-governmental organisations with the aim of fostering a better mutual understanding between their peoples.

Article 9

The Contracting Parties shall, to the greatest possible extent, ensure that text-books in the official languages of both countries, prescribed for their educational institutions, particularly those relating to history and geography, do not contain any error or misrepresentation of facts about each other's countries.

Article 10

Each Contracting Party shall welcome the establishment in its territory of Cultural Institutions or Friendship Associations in accordance with the Contracting Parties' laws, regulations and general policy, it being understood that prior clearance of the Government concerned would be obtained before any institution is established under this Article.

Article 11

The Contracting Parties shall, for the purpose of implementing the present Agreement, conclude programmes of cooperation for specified periods, which shall include concrete forms of cooperation, events and exchanges as well as the organizational and financial conditions for their implementation.

— Article 12

For the fulfilment of the objectives of the present 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 at the date agreed on between the Parties, alternately in India and in Israel. The Joint Committee will be responsible for reviewing periodically the working of the present Agreement, advising the Contracting Parties in formulating and recommending any items of interest to either Party in the fields envisaged in this agreement, as also advising the manner by which the working of the Agreement may be improved.

Article 13

The Contracting Parties shall encourage the conclusion of specific programmes of cooperation between institutions, universities and other schools of higher education of both countries providing for joint research projects, exchanges of teachers, post graduates and pupils as well as their financing thereof.

Article 14

The present Agreement shall be subject to ratification in accordance with the constitutional procedures of each contracting party. It shall come into force on the date of the exchange of the Instruments of Ratification. It shall remain in force for a period of five years and shall be renewed automatically thereafter for further periods of five years each until either Contracting Party gives the other Contracting Party a six months' prior notice of its intention to terminate the Agreement.

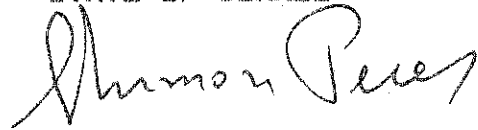
Done at New Delhi on this 18th day of May, 1993, which corresponds to the 28th day of Vaisakha 1915 (Saka era) and the 27th day of Iyyar 5753, in two original copies each in the English, Hindi and Hebrew languages, all the texts being equally authentic. In case of divergence of interpretation, the English text shall prevail.

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