

CULTURAL AND SCIENTIFIC COOPERATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF MADAGASCAR AND THE
GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF INDIA.

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The Government of the Republic of Madagascar and the Government of the Republic of India, 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 Madagascar in the realms of Culture and Art, Archaeology, Education, Science and Technology, Social Security, Public health, Mass media and Sports, etc.

HAVE AGREED as follows :

Article 1

The Contracting Parties shall facilitate and encourage cooperation in the fields of culture and art, archaeology, education, science and technology, social sciences, social security, medical research, public health, mass media, information and education, sports and games in order to contribute towards a better knowledge of their respective cultures and activities in these fields.

Article 2

Each Contracting Party may establish in the territory of the other, cultural institutes in accordance with the laws, regulations and general policy in this regard, it being understood that prior clearance of the Governments concerned will be obtained before any such institution is established. The details regarding the establishment of such institutions shall be settled between the two countries by means of an additional protocol.

Article 3

The Contracting Parties shall encourage and facilitate :

- a) Participation in conferences, study tours, special courses, symposia, congresses and international film festivals of either of the two Parties ;

- b) exchange of representatives of various organisations and associations, experts in the field of cinematography, historians, writers, artists, dance and music troupes, and sports teams whose stay and movements in the benefiting country shall be facilitated without prejudice to the national laws and regulations in force ;
- c) exchange of materials, information and experts in the fields of culture and art, mass media, information, science and technology, agricultural research, education, sports and archaeology, film documentaries, adequate programmes (radio and television, books, periodicals, exhibitions and others) as far as possible ; and
- d) translations of books of common interest into language of either Party.

Article 4

Each Contracting Party shall endeavour to provide facilities and scholarships to students and scientific personnel of the other country seeking to study in its institutions of higher education and research laboratories as well as to follow practical training courses.

Article 5

The Contracting Parties shall examine the problem of equivalence of diplomas issued at the end of studies carried out in each country.

Article 6

Each Contracting Party shall endeavour to present different facets of the life and culture of the other Party through mass media.

Article 7

The Contracting Parties shall, to the extent possible, ensure that text-books prescribed for their educational institutions, particularly those relating to history and geography of each of the Parties do not contain any error or misrepresentation of facts.

Article 8

Each Contracting Party shall facilitate, in accordance with its respective laws, the importation of non-commercial articles and circulation of all material originating from the other Party, that may be necessary for the fulfilment of the objectives of this Agreement.



Article 9

The Contracting Parties shall take appropriate measures for the implementation of the objectives of the present Agreement through formulation of cultural, educational, scientific and technology exchange programmes, and periodic review of the same. This purpose may be achieved either through joint meetings of Representatives of the Contracting Parties alternatively in New Delhi and Antananarivo, or by exchange of correspondence through diplomatic channels.

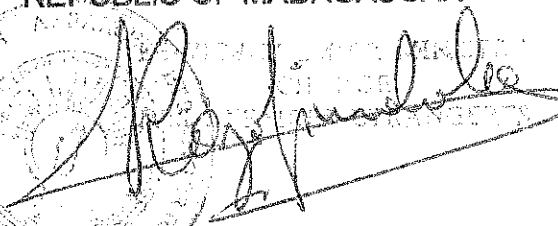
Article 10

This Agreement shall enter into force on the date of exchange of the Instruments of Ratification and shall be valid for a period of five years and shall be tacitly renewed for successive periods of five years at a time unless either Party conveys in writing its decision to terminate this Agreement, six months before the expiry of any such period.

Done at Antananarivo on *17th of June, 1997*

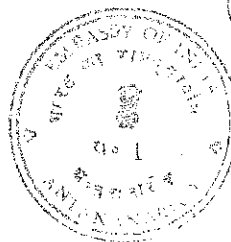
in two originals, French, Malagasy, Hindi and English languages, all texts being equally authentic.

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