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COOPERATION AGREEMENT  
BETWEEN  
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF INDIA  
AND  
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF CROATIA  
ON  
COMBATING INTERNATIONAL ILLICIT TRAFFICKING IN NARCOTIC  
DRUGS AND PSYCHOTROPIC SUBSTANCES, INTERNATIONAL  
TERRORISM AND ORGANISED CRIME

The Government of the Republic of India and the Government of the Republic of Croatia  
(hereinafter the "Contracting Parties"),

expressing their willingness to strengthen and improve the already existing friendly and  
cooperative relations between the two States,

expressing their concerns about the danger of spreading of international organized crime,  
international illicit trafficking in narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances and international  
terrorism,

respecting the international agreements and legislation existing in both States and without  
prejudice to their previous commitments based on bilateral and multilateral agreements with third  
countries,

have agreed on the following:

Article I

The Contracting Parties shall cooperate and provide mutual assistance in the following fields:

1. Combating international terrorism;
2. Combating illicit activities concerning weapons, including biological, chemical and  
radiological weapons, ammunition, explosives, nuclear material and radioactive substances;
3. Combating forgery and counterfeiting of any kind of identity documents;
4. Combating illegal migration, illegal movement of human beings and trade in people;
5. Combating illicit production, consumption and trafficking in narcotic drugs and psychotropic  
substances;
6. Combating organized crime;
7. Combating illicit trafficking of cultural objects, valuable stones and metal as well as other  
valuable items;

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- 8. Combating international illegal economic activities and money laundering including that of proceeds of crime;
- 9. Combating counterfeiting and forgery of bank-notes, credit cards and other financial instruments;
- 10. Combating financial and taxation frauds;
- 11. Combating conspiracy in one country to commit any serious crime in another country including the flow of funds to criminal syndicates and terrorist groups.

Article 2

The cooperation between the two Contracting Parties in the above mentioned fields in Article 1 shall be achieved through:

- 1. Exchange of information and experiences in the field of common interest;
- 2. Exchange of information and experience in Forensic Sciences and other techniques and methods used in criminal investigations;
- 3. Exchange of information, knowledge and experiences in the fields of border controls as well as material and technical support to the passport control services in order to detect forged travel documents and prevent illegal entry and illicit migration;
- 4. Exchange of information for prevention of organized crime in general;
- 5. Exchange of brochures, publications and results of scientific research in the fields covered by this Agreement;
- 6. Exchange of information, experience and assistance on methods used for illicit production of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances, their international trafficking, concealment and distribution, as well as the methods to combat them, which are mentioned in the paragraph (5) of Article 1, in accordance with the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs of 1961, as amended by the Protocol amending the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs 1961, the Convention on Psychotropic Substances of 1971 and the 1988 United Nations Convention against Illicit Trafficking in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances.

Article 3

In order to improve the effectiveness of cooperation, the Contracting Parties shall hold meetings of experts within the framework of their competence, whenever both agree that it is necessary to deal with urgent and special matters, such as the mass flow of illegal migrants, systematic trafficking in

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narcotic drugs, weapons and other forms of organised crime. In order to achieve the objective mentioned in Article 1 the Contracting Parties shall also extend their support and cooperation to each other on request regarding investigation and trial in the court of law.

#### Article 4

1. Either Contracting Party may deny a request for cooperation under this Agreement totally or partially if the same could endanger its national sovereignty, security, public order or any other essential interest or if it is contrary to national legislation and intimate the other party regarding the same;
2. The implementation of this Agreement is subject to the national legislation of each Contracting Party;
3. Neither Contracting Party may make public nor transfer to a third country any confidential information received from the other Contracting Party without the consent of the other Contracting Party.

#### Article 5

The nodal authorities for the implementation of this Agreement shall be:

For the Republic of India :

- a) The Ministry of Home Affairs
- b) The Narcotics Control Bureau in the Ministry of Finance for matters relating to Combating illicit trafficking in narcotic drugs;

For the Republic of Croatia :

The Office of International Relations of the Ministry of the Interior.

#### Article 6

The Contracting Parties shall communicate mutually, through diplomatic channels for exchange of information in respect of new travel documents, seals and types of entry visas with a view to prevent the use of forged travel documents.

Article 7

1. The Contracting Parties shall set up a Joint Committee, to coordinate the implementation of this Agreement, which shall comprise of the representatives of the Ministry of Home Affairs of the Republic of India and the Ministry of Interior of the Republic of Croatia and other experts concerned with the implementation of this Agreement.
2. The Joint Committee shall meet alternatively, in the Republic of India and Republic of Croatia whenever required after mutual consultations.

Article 8

The Agreement shall not affect the rights and obligations arising from other international agreements signed by the Contracting Parties.

Article 9

1. Each Contracting Party shall bear the expenses incurred by it in its own territory as a result of this cooperation.
2. The Contracting Parties shall communicate with each other in the English language for the sake of convenience.

Article 10

1. This agreement shall enter into force on the date of receipt of the last written notification through diplomatic channels by which the Contracting Parties notify each other that all requirements in accordance with the national legislation of the Contracting Parties for its entry into force have been fulfilled.
2. This Agreement is concluded for an indefinite period of time. Either Contracting Party may denounce this Agreement by notifying the other Contracting Party in writing through diplomatic channels. The denunciation shall become effective on the first day of the month following the month in which the notification thereof was received by the other Contracting Party.

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

Done at New Delhi on the 4<sup>th</sup> Day of May 2001 in two originals, in the Hindi, Croatian and English languages, all texts being equally authentic. In case of any divergence in the interpretation of this Agreement, the English text shall prevail.

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