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**AGREEMENT
BETWEEN
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF INDIA
AND
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE STATE OF ISRAEL
ON
COOPERATION IN COMBATING
ILLICIT TRAFFICKING AND ABUSE OF
NARCOTIC DRUGS AND PSYCHOTROPIC SUBSTANCES**

The Government of the Republic of India and the Government of the State of Israel hereinafter referred to as "the Parties"

BEARING in mind the existing friendly relations between the two countries;

RECOGNISING the importance of bilateral cooperation in the prevention of illicit trafficking in the narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances.

RECALLING the United Nations Convention against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances of 1988, the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs of 1954 as modified by the Protocol of 1972, and the Convention on Psychotropic Substances of 1971.

GREATLY CONCERNED by the universal suffering caused by the abuse of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances;

DESIRING to further promote the cooperation between the Parties in combating illicit trafficking in narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances, and to strengthen cooperation and channels of communication between their appropriate law enforcement authorities;

CONSCIOUS of the mutual advantages of such cooperation for both Parties;

HAVE AGREED ON THE FOLLOWING:

ARTICLE - 1

1. The Parties shall cooperate with and assist each other:

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- (a) in the prevention and prosecution of illicit trafficking in narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances and in substances used in their illicit manufacture as enumerated in the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs of 1953 as modified by the Protocol of 1972, the Convention on Psychotropic Substances of 1971 and the Convention against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances of 1988, in accordance with the national legislation of the two Parties;
- (b) in drug abuse control as well as in treatment and rehabilitation of drug addicts.

2. In this respect the Parties shall endeavor to:

- (a) exchange information and details concerning the use and illicit trafficking in narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances and precursor chemicals and the modalities to combat them;
- (b) coordinate the activities of their respective agencies concerned with the prevention of use and the illicit trafficking in narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances and precursor chemicals as well as the criminal activities;
- (c) share their knowledge and experience and mutually promote their study and research in the areas of prevention and methods and organizational structures relating to the use of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances and precursor chemicals;
- (d) send each other reports of origin and analysis of narcotic substances and psychotropic substances and precursor chemicals seized and copies of investigation documents, and also mutually exchange information on this matter, to the extent that the matter concerns the other Party;
- (e) organize meetings, lectures, seminars and courses for training workers in the field of the fight against drugs.

3. The Parties shall, when necessary, reciprocally invite the officials of each other's competent authorities for consultation with a view to improve cooperation in combating illicit trafficking in narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances.

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The competent authorities responsible for the implementation of the Agreement in Israel are (1) Special Operations Division/Intelligence Department; INTERPOL - Israel Police; (2) Israel Police Attache South-East Asia And the Pacific; (3) Israel Anti-Drug Authority, and in India: (1) Ministry of Finance, Department of Revenue, Narcotics Control Division; (2) Ministry of Home Affairs (3) Narcotics Control Bureau and (4) Central Bureau of Narcotics.

ARTICLE-2

The cooperation within this Agreement shall also cover an exchange of information on new national laws and international conferences or meetings held in each other's country in areas covered by this Agreement.

ARTICLE-3

1. The cooperation in the areas covered by this agreement shall be subject to, and be carried out in accordance with the national legislation of the two countries. In such cooperation, the Parties shall also endeavor to comply with the ICPO/Interpol norms and practices to the extent applicable under their national legislation.

2. The cooperation in the field of narcotic drugs, psychotropic substances, precursors and chemicals used in the illicit manufacture of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances shall take place in accordance with the provisions of the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs of 1954, as modified by the protocol of 1955, the Convention on Psychotropic Substances of 1971, as well as the United Nations Convention Against Illicit Trafficking in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances of 1988 to the extent applicable under their national legislation.

ARTICLE-4

Within the framework of the cooperation in the areas covered by this Agreement, drug enforcement, police and customs experts may be exchanged between the competent authorities of the Parties.

ARTICLE-5

The Parties shall cooperate in exchanging experiences on the use of advanced technology and the practical utilization of means and methods, and shall cooperate in organizing seminars for the law enforcement authorities.

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ARTICLE-6

An India-Israel Joint Committee composed of representatives of both Parties shall be established and shall meet at any time when necessary, at the request of either Party, alternately in Jerusalem and New Delhi.

The Committee shall be responsible for coordinating the activities under the Agreement, and may include, when needed, experts designated by the competent authorities responsible for the implementation of this Agreement.

Unless otherwise agreed financial and material expenses for these meetings shall be borne by the receiving side. The expenditure on travel and lodging shall be borne by the sending side.

ARTICLE-7

Information or data provided by one Party to the other in accordance with this Agreement shall be kept confidential and may not be revealed to any party nor be used for any purpose other than the one for which it is provided without the prior consent of the Party which provided the information or data.

ARTICLE-8

The procedural arrangements for the implementation of the Agreement shall be worked out jointly by the competent authorities of the Parties.

ARTICLE-9

This Agreement shall be valid for a period of three years and shall be automatically renewed each time thereafter for a period of one year, unless one of the Parties notifies the other Party in writing, three months before its expiry date, of its intention to terminate the Agreement.

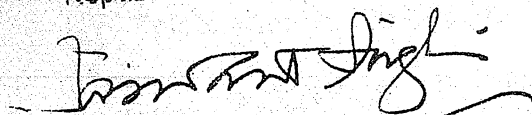
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This Agreement shall enter into force on the date of the second of the Diplomatic Notes by which the Parties notify each other that their legal requirements for the entry into force of the Agreement have been complied with.

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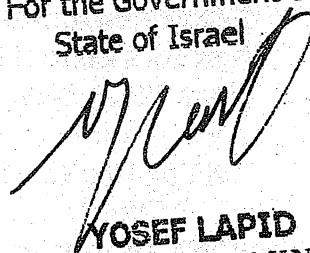
DONE at New Delhi on the 9th day
of September 2003, which corresponds to the 12th
day of Elul 5763, in two original copies, in the Hebrew,
Hindi and English languages, all texts being equally authentic. In case of
divergence of interpretation, the English text shall prevail.

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