

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING ON THE PREVENTION
OF ILLICIT TRAFFICKING IN NARCOTIC DRUGS AND
PSYCHOTROPIC SUBSTANCES AND RELATED MATTERS

During the official visit of the President of Islamic Republic of Iran, His Excellency Mr. Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani to India (April 17-19), the Indian and Iranian delegations held wide-ranging discussions regarding the desirability of mutual cooperation between the two countries in reducing demand and preventing illicit trafficking in narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances and related matters.

2. The Indian and Iranian delegations shared a deep concern over the illicit cultivation, production, processing and trafficking in illicit drugs in the region and emphasized the need for more comprehensive, integrated and collaborated approach to the control of supply and demand of all drugs of abuse among all countries and areas in the region.

3. The two sides affirmed their joint determination to fight against drug abuse and illicit trafficking and to take appropriate action to cooperate in measures in this direction in conformity with international law.

4. Both sides identified areas where cooperation is desirable in the immediate terms. The areas identified include exchange of information of operational, technical and general nature between the nodal enforcement agencies of the two countries; mutual assistance in operational matters including employing such investigative techniques as may be necessary; exchange of literature on existing laws, rules procedures etc. concerning drug abuse control in the two countries; and exchange of experience in reducing demand through prevention, treatment and public awareness activities.

5. The two sides designated agencies through which regular exchange of information may be effected. In respect of India, the nodal agency would be the Narcotics Control Bureau and in respect of Iran, the nodal agency would be the Ministry of the Interior. A list of postal addresses, telephone, telex/fax numbers of the nodal agencies and the contact officers will be exchanged by the two sides within the next two months.

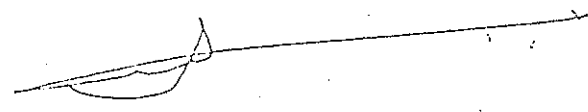
6. The two sides decided, with a view to monitoring, assessing and reviewing the progress of cooperation as well as to identify further areas of cooperation, to set up a Working Group comprising the nodal agencies of the two countries identified for cooperation. The Working Group shall have periodical meetings alternatively in the two countries as and when required on mutually convenient dates.

Done at New Delhi on this Eighteenth day of April, One Thousand Nine Hundred Ninty Five.

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