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AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF INDIA  
AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF BULGARIA FOR COOPERATION  
IN COMBATING ORGANISED CRIME, INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM AND  
ILLEGITIMATE TRAFFICKING IN NARCOTIC DRUGS AND PSYCHOTROPIC  
SUBSTANCES  
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The Government of the Republic of India and the  
Government of the Republic of Bulgaria, hereinafter called the  
Parties,

GUIDED by the traditionally friendly relations between  
the two countries;

DEEPLY CONCERNED by the extent and dramatic increase of  
the acts of international terrorism, organised crime and  
illicit trafficking of narcotic drugs and psychotropic  
substances;

DEEPLY CONCERNED also by illegal trade in objects of art  
of historical value and other cultural relics;

GUIDED by their international obligations and national  
legislation;

DESIRIOUS of cooperating with a view to suppressing such  
international criminal acts;

HAVE AGREED upon the following:

Article 1

The Parties shall cooperate and render mutual assistance  
in the following areas:

1. Combating international terrorism;

2. Combating illegal production, distribution and trade  
in narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances;

3. Combating organised crime;

4. Combating forgery of bills, securities and official  
documents;

5. Combating illegal dealing of trafficking in arms,  
ammunition, explosives, strategic and prohibited  
materials;

6. Combating international illegal activities in the economic field;

7. Combating smuggling of objects of cultural and of historical value, precious stones and metals and other cultural relics;

8. Combating illegal migration and trade with people.

The Parties shall cooperate in the identification and police work related to individuals who have committed or are suspected of committing serious crimes on the territory of their respective countries against the other country.

The Parties shall cooperate in the field of scientific research of mutual interest in the above areas.

#### Article 2

Cooperation between the two Parties shall be performed through:

1. Exchange of information in all areas indicated in this Agreement;

2. Exchange of regulations, publications and results of scientific research in the areas of mutual interest;

3. Transfer of samples of specialised technical devices and equipment.

The Parties shall hold meetings between experts when necessary by mutual consent and this shall be agreed upon in advance.

The information and materials passed on in this exchange shall not be handed over to a third party without the prior consent of the submitting Party.

#### Article 3

The Parties shall abide by the requests of the other Party under this Agreement to the extent those requests are not contradictory to its internal legislation and to the rights and obligations taken on by the Parties under other bilateral or multilateral Agreements.

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#### Article 4

The implementation of this Agreement shall be entrusted to the Ministry of Home Affairs of the Republic of India and the Ministry of Interior of the Republic of Bulgaria.

#### Article 5

This Agreement shall be valid for an indefinite period of time. The validity of this Agreement is liable to be terminated unilaterally through a notification in writing by either of the Parties but not earlier than 30 days after the notification through diplomatic channels.

#### Article 6

This Agreement shall come into force after the Parties have notified each other through diplomatic channels that the procedure required by their internal legislation have been completed.

Done at Sofia on 26<sup>th</sup> May, 1994 in two originals each in Hindi, Bulgarian and English languages, all texts being equally authentic. In case of any divergence in interpretation, the English text shall prevail.

For the Government of the  
Public of India

For the Government of the  
Republic of Bulgaria

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