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Jai Singh Road, New Delhi  
Dated: 19.11.2014

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

**Subject:** Agreement between Government of the Republic of India and the Government of Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka on Combating International Terrorism and Illicit Drug Trafficking-reg.

The undersigned is directed to refer to OM No. I-13013/4/2014-NCB-II dated 10.11.2014 on the above cited subject and to stated that the Cabinet had approved the Note for Cabinet on 15.05.2012 for signing the Agreement between Government of the Republic of India and the Government of Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka on Combating International Terrorism and Illicit Drug Trafficking and the agreement has been signed by both countries on the January 22, 2013 in New Delhi. A copy of the signed agreement is forwarded herewith.

Encls: as above



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**Agreement between the  
Government of the Republic of India and the  
Government of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka on  
Combating International Terrorism and Illicit Drug Trafficking**

The Government of the Republic of India and the Government of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka hereinafter referred to as the "Parties",

Guided by the traditional friendly relations between the two countries and their endeavour to contribute to the further development of their bilateral relations;

Deeply concerned with the expansion of International Terrorism;

Convinced of the need to enhance bilateral cooperation in combating international terrorism and illicit drug trafficking;

Recognizing the mutual advantages of such cooperation for both Parties in accordance with their national laws and regulations;

Taking into consideration the relevant international treaties to which both countries are Parties;

Desiring to improve the effectiveness of both countries in Combating terrorism and drug trafficking and to establish a framework for enhancing cooperation between the officials of intelligence and law-enforcement agencies of the Parties;

Have agreed as follows:

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Article 1

The Parties shall, within the framework of this Agreement and subject to their domestic laws and regulations, cooperate in combating international terrorism, illicit trafficking in narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances including their precursor chemicals.

Article 2

The Parties have resolved to cooperate in their joint fight against terrorism in all its forms and manifestations and, to this end, shall:

- (a) exchange information and intelligence on the activities of terrorist groups and their associates including those providing front or cover to individuals or groups engaged in the planning, promoting or executing acts of terrorism against the Parties as well as those which may operate from or use the territories of either Party;
- (b) identify and exchange information on any sources of financing of terrorism which may be located in the territory of either Party and take steps to seize and confiscate the sources of financing of terrorism;
- (c) coordinate approaches to combating international terrorism;
- (d) cooperate and share experiences in areas of hijack termination, hostage rescue and negotiations and protection of VIPs and innocent victims;
- (e) facilitate cooperation in preventing access to arms, explosives, and other prohibited substances for terrorist activities;

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(f) enhance cooperation and intelligence sharing between the law enforcement agencies of the Parties;

(g) provide mutual assistance including exchange of professional expertise and training of security and law enforcement personnel and organizing seminars and conferences etc., in the relevant fields; and

(h) address any other matter in this Agreement as mutually agreed upon.

### Article 3

For suppression of illicit trafficking in narcotic drugs, psychotropic substances and precursors, the Parties shall:

(a) Exchange and share information about persons involved in narcotic drug trafficking, their modus operandi as well as other relevant details of such crimes, in so far as these are necessary for the prevention or suppression of crimes;

(b) Exchange the results of criminal and criminological aspects of research on narcotic drug trafficking and abuse of narcotic drugs;

(c) Share and exchange of samples of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances of natural or synthetic origin usable for abuse; and

(d) Subject to its domestic laws and international obligations, facilitate the controlled delivery of illicit narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances in order to render possible the arrest of the persons to whom it will be delivered as well as any persons involved in the trafficking provided that the necessary information is submitted at least 48 hours prior to the requested action.

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**Article 4**

1. The Ministry of Home Affairs will be the nodal agency on the Indian side, responsible for the implementation of this Agreement.
2. The Ministry of Defence and Urban Development shall be the nodal agency on the side of the Government of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka.
3. The Parties shall nominate such other law enforcement and intelligence agencies for cooperation in various areas under this Agreement as deemed necessary.
4. Unless otherwise agreed, English language shall be used for communication and exchange of information.

**Article 5**

The Parties shall set up a Coordination Committee including representatives of law enforcement and intelligence agencies to promote and review the cooperation within the terms of this Agreement. The Committee shall meet at least once every year on mutually convenient dates and the venue of the meetings shall alternatively be in India and Sri Lanka.

**Article 6**

The Coordination Committee shall lay down the detailed modalities and specify law enforcement and intelligence agencies on either side to exchange operational intelligence in the field of terrorism and drug trafficking including their office address, contact telephone and fax numbers and other relevant

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details to facilitate contact on priority basis. Similarly, nodal authorities shall be specified for cooperation and mutual assistance in the field of crime.

#### Article 7

1. The Coordination Committee shall observe complete confidentiality in the conduct of its work.
2. Any confidential information provided by a Party pursuant to this Agreement shall not be passed on or disclosed to a third Party without the express consent of the former Party which provided information.

#### Article 8

Either Party may deny a request for cooperation, in whole or in part, if that request affects its sovereignty, endangers its national security or violates its laws and regulations.

#### Article 9

Any dispute arising out of the interpretation or application of this Agreement shall be settled through negotiations between the Parties through Diplomatic channels.

#### Article 10

The provisions of this Agreement shall not affect the obligations assumed by Parties pursuant to other bilateral or multi-lateral Agreements to which they are Parties.

Article 11

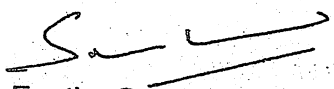
This Agreement may be amended or revised, as deemed necessary, by mutual written consent of the Parties.

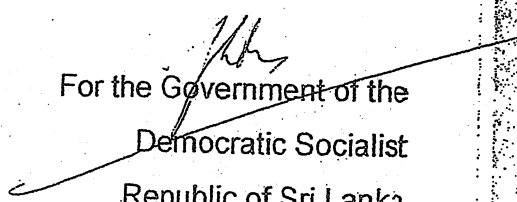
Article 12

1. This Agreement shall come into force from the date of its signature and shall remain in force for an indefinite period.
2. Either Party may at any time terminate this Agreement by giving six months advance written notice to the other Party indicating its intention to terminate this Agreement. The Agreement shall cease to have effect on the expiry of the six months period.

The undersigned, being duly authorized thereto by their respective Governments, have signed this Agreement.

Done at New Delhi on the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of January in the year 2013, in two originals each in Hindi, Sinhala and English languages, all texts being equally authentic. In case of divergence of interpretation, the English text shall prevail.

  
 For the Government of  
 the Republic of India

  
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