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**AGREEMENT FOR MUTUAL COOPERATION
BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF INDIA
AND
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF TURKEY
ON COOPERATION IN COMBATING ILLICIT TRAFFIC IN NARCOTIC
DRUGS AND PSYCHOTROPIC SUBSTANCES**

The Government of The Republic of India and The Government of The Republic of Turkey (hereinafter referred to as the Parties):

Considering that the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs of 1961, as amended by the 1972 Protocol, the Convention on Psychotropic Substances of 1971 and the United Nations Convention Against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances of 1988 form the basis of national and international drug control efforts;

Sharing deep concern over the illicit cultivation, production, processing of and trafficking in narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances in some part of the world affecting the peoples of both countries;

Reaffirming their determination to fight against illicit trafficking in narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances;

Taking into consideration their constitutional, legal and administrative systems and with due respect for the national sovereignty of their respective States;

Have reached mutual understanding on the following points :

ARTICLE 1

1- The Parties undertake to cooperate with and assist each other in the prevention, investigation and the prosecution of illicit trafficking in narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances and in the substances frequently used in their illicit production as listed in Table I and Table II in the Annex to The Convention Against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances of 1988.

2- Keeping in view their position as the only traditional opiate suppliers to other countries for meeting their medical requirements, the Parties agree to share, to

the extent possible, information on cultivation of opium poppy and its harvest including information of scientific nature like production of varieties of opium poppy enriched in alkaloid content, factors affecting opium poppy crop and the technology and methods to counter such factors and the technology of production of concentrate of poppy straw and extraction of alkaloids.

ARTICLE 2

1- In order to facilitate the exchange of information and to carry out requests for co-operation, the Parties shall designate nodal agencies. In respect of the Republic of India the nodal agency is the Narcotics Control Bureau and in respect of the Republic of Turkey the nodal agency is the Department of Combating Smuggling and Organized Crime of General Directorate of Security.

2- A list of postal addresses of the nodal agencies and the contact officers is appended as Annexure-I. Normal exchange of information shall be in the relevant formats appended as Annexure II and III. Other information of relevance shall be transmitted in any form suitable for the purpose.

ARTICLE 3

The cooperation between the Parties shall be carried out in accordance with the domestic legislation of the two countries, the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs of 1961, the Convention on Psychotropic Substances of 1971, the relevant recommendations of the Customs Cooperation Council and the International Convention on Mutual Administrative Assistance for the Prevention, Investigation and Repression of Customs Offences and, where appropriate in accordance with the United Nations Convention Against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances of 1988 and with ICPO/Interpol norms and practices of cooperation.

ARTICLE 4

1- The competent authorities of the Parties shall cooperate with each other to the fullest extent possible and in accordance with their national laws in the fight against illicit trafficking.

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2- The competent authorities of the Parties shall exchange, without any delay, detailed informations on the identities of illicit traffickers of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances and of those who participate in such an offence in any manner.

3- The competent authorities of the Parties shall exchange, without awaiting request and when they deem it as useful, all the information and documents seized while combating smuggling and the abuse of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances as well as exchange new techniques and developments on such offences and on trafficking methods.

4- Copies of documents of investigation shall be in English.

5- All oral or written information and documents to be exchanged pursuant to this Agreement shall be kept confidential in accordance with the conditions which may be required by the Party supplying them.

6- Information, communications and documents obtained shall be used solely for the purposes of this Agreement. They shall not be used for any other purposes unless the Party supplying them expressly approves such use.

7- In cases of emergency where the request for assistance has not been conveyed in writing, such request shall be later confirmed in writing.

ARTICLE 5

The competent authorities of the Parties, in accordance with national and international legislation, shall cooperate to implement controlled delivery methods and to conduct mutual operations.

ARTICLE 6

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

2- The Parties shall invite, when necessary, the authorities of the other Party to assist the investigation of specific cases of illicit trafficking.

ARTICLE 7

Keeping in view the objectives of this Agreement and subject to their national law, the Parties shall exchange literature on drug abuse control and texts of their laws and procedures on the subject.

ARTICLE 8

In order to attain the objectives of this Agreement, the Parties shall hold meetings of working groups as often as required. Financial and material expenses for these meetings shall be borne by the receiving side. The expenditure on international travel shall be borne by the dispatching side.

ARTICLE 9

For the purposes of this Agreement, drugs are understood to be substances that are included in the schedules appended to the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs of 1961 as amended by the 1972 Protocol and the Convention on Psychotropic Substances of 1971. Precursors and essential chemicals are those which are included in the Tables annexed to the United Nations Convention Against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances of 1988 and notified as such a substance under the laws of the Parties.

ARTICLE 10

The Parties shall put samples of the narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances seized their respective territories at the disposal of competent national laboratories with international standards for analysis and examination to determine their origin, when available, as well as their chemical and physical specifications. Data and conclusions thus obtained shall be exchanged as relevant.

ARTICLE 11

This agreement may be amended by mutual agreement through exchange of letters between the Parties

ARTICLE 12

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


ARTICLE 13

This Agreement is subject to ratification and shall enter into force on the date of exchange of instruments of ratification.


ARTICLE 14

This agreement shall be valid for one year and shall automatically be extended per annum unless one of the Parties notifies the other to terminate the Agreement, at least six months before the date of its expiry.

Signed at Ankara on this 17th day of September 1998 in two originals each in Turkish, Hindi and English languages, all texts being equally authentic. In case of doubt, the English text shall prevail.



ON BEHALF OF
THE REPUBLIC OF INDIA



ON BEHALF OF
THE REPUBLIC OF TURKEY

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CASES OF ILLICIT TRAFFIC IN DRUGS

Reference :

Date :

Sender :

1. Name of the seizing agency
2. Type of drug seized
3. Quantity
4. Chemical analysis report
5. Place of seizure
6. Date of seizure
7. Packing, labelling and trade marks
8. Particulars of conveyance used
9. Name and nationality of the
custodian /owner of the conveyance
10. Name of company, air-line, ship
11. Mode of concealment
12. Route
13. Place of production/ processing
14. Place where drug contraband / obtained
15. Origin / sources
16. Destination
17. Any equipment / accessories seized
18. Any other information

