

**AGREEMENT ON ECONOMIC AND TECHNICAL COOPERATION  
BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF INDIA AND THE  
GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF LATVIA**

THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF INDIA AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF LATVIA HEREINAFTER REFERRED TO AS THE PARTIES

RECOGNISING the friendly ties existing between the peoples of the two countries;

CONSIDERING that their peoples have a common interest in economic progress and that their joint efforts to exchange technical knowledge and skills will assist in achieving this objective;

BEING MUTUALLY DESIROUS of advancing the closest possible cooperation in the economic and technical fields on the basis of equal and mutual benefit;

BELIEVING FIRMLY THAT such cooperation between the peoples of the two countries will advance further the cooperative effort;

HAVE AGREED AS FOLLOWS :

ARTICLE 1

The Parties shall facilitate and promote, in conformity with the provisions of this Agreement, economic and technical cooperation as specified in Article 3 of this Agreement, as they may deem beneficial to their respective countries.

ARTICLE 2

The economic and technical cooperation, between the Contracting Parties shall be effected through separate Protocols to be concluded between the Parties in accordance with the laws and regulations in force from time to time in each country.

ARTICLE 3

The fields of cooperation envisaged in Article 1 above shall cover, inter-alia, the following :

- i) Training in India of upto 5 Latvian nationals annually in such fields as may be mutually agreed upon between the Contracting Parties. The Indian Technical and Economic Cooperation (ITEC) programme terms and conditions will be applicable to such training facilities. However, the cost of two-way international air passages in respect of all such trainees will be borne by the Government of the Republic of Latvia. The Government of India will provide local hospitality and other allowances as per ITEC terms and conditions;
- ii) Deputation of Indian experts in mutually agreed fields;
- iii) Facilitation of placement for Indian students in institutes of higher learning in Latvia in mutually agreed disciplines.

ARTICLE 4

In order to ensure the proper implementation of this Agreement and to review progress of decisions thereunder, the Parties shall meet from time to time at places and on dates as mutually agreed upon.

ARTICLE 5

The terms and conditions of services of experts and trainees mentioned in Article 3 shall be agreed upon in each case between the respective Parties as contemplated in Article 2 of the Agreement. Where necessary, these terms and conditions will also provide against improper disclosure of such knowledge or information as may be acquired by the recipient party.

ARTICLE 6

Persons deputed under this agreement shall comply with the laws and regulations of the country in which they perform their duties, render or carry on their activities.

ARTICLE 7

Further details, if necessary, regarding fulfilment of the obligation undertaken by the Contracting Parties pursuant to this Agreement, shall be separately defined in each case by exchange of letters between the Contracting Parties or in any other suitable form as may be mutually agreed upon between them.

ARTICLE 8

This Agreement shall enter into force on the date when the Contracting Parties notify each other that all their legal requirements for its entry into force have been fulfilled.

The present Agreement shall remain in force for a period of five years. Thereafter, it shall be renewable from year to year by tacit arrangement, unless either Party terminates it by giving to the other a written notice at least six months prior to the expiry of any period of validity of the Agreement.

DONE in duplicate at Riga on 1st day of September, 1995 in Hindi, Latvian and English languages, all the texts being equally authentic.



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