

AGREEMENT ON CULTURAL COOPERATION
BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE
REPUBLIC OF INDIA AND THE EXECUTIVE
COUNCIL OF THE REPUBLIC OF ZAIRE.

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The Government of the Republic of India
on one side and the Executive Council of the
Republic of Zaire on the other side,

Desirous of strengthening their cultural
relations and of further promoting their friendly
collaboration in the fields of education, art
and culture, science and technology, mass media
of information and education, sports and games,
journalism and public health,

Have agreed as follows:

ARTICLE I

The Contracting Parties undertake to promote
and develop as far as possible the relations between
the two countries in the fields of education, art
and culture, science and technology, mass media
of information and education, sports and games,
journalism and public health.

ARTICLE II

With a view to realising this cooperation
the Contracting Parties shall facilitate and
promote between their countries the exchange of
teachers in various fields of teaching, research
workers, students, probationers, specialists,
technicians, lecturers and other persons pursuing
an activity in the fields referred to in Article I
of the present Agreement.

ARTICLE III

Each Contracting Party shall encourage as far
as possible by grant of scholarships and subsidies

the nationals of the other Contracting Party to undertake or pursue any professional training, any study and research in its own country.

ARTICLE IV

Each Contracting Party shall facilitate to the nationals sponsored by the other Contracting Party, access to monuments, scientific institutions, research centres, public libraries and archives, museums, stadia and other cultural and sports bodies under its control subject to the rules and regulations in force.

ARTICLE V

Each Contracting Party shall encourage close cooperation between the cultural and sports organisations as well as the pedagogic organisations of the two countries.

ARTICLE VI

The Contracting Parties shall study the conditions under which equivalence could be established between the diplomas and degrees awarded by each.

ARTICLE VII

The Contracting Parties shall encourage technical cooperation and exchange of cultural and artistic programmes between their Radio and Television Stations.

ARTICLE VIII

The Contracting Parties shall encourage as far as possible and subject to their respective rules and regulations the exchange of scientific and technical books, brochures and journals and also taped music and films of educational interest.

ARTICLE IX

Each Contracting Party shall facilitate, subject to its financial resources and rules and regulations in force, the organisation, on its own territory, of artistic, cultural and scientific exhibitions, conferences, concerts, theatrical performances, cinematographic projections of educational value and sports competitions.

ARTICLE X

The Contracting Parties shall encourage exchange of groups of youth and sports groups and groups of journalists between the two countries and will facilitate their stay and movements in their respective territories.

ARTICLE XI

Each Contracting Party shall, so far as it lies within its power, ensure that the text books prescribed for teaching institutions, do not contain any errors or mis-representation about the other country.

ARTICLE XII

The Contracting Parties shall facilitate collaboration between the organisations and institutions engaged in promotion of tourism in the two countries, in accordance with their respective laws and regulations.

ARTICLE XIII

For the implementation of the present Agreement a joint Committee is established consisting of representatives of the concerned Ministerial Departments or any other person of the two countries duly appointed.

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This Committee shall be charged with studying and proposing for the consideration of the Contracting Parties measures considered suitable for the implementation of the present Agreement.

It shall meet alternatively in Zaire and India whenever necessary at the request of either Contracting Party.

ARTICLE XIV

The present Agreement shall come into force on the date of exchange of the Instruments of Ratification.

It shall remain in force for a period of three years, renewable for the same duration by tacit agreement.

It can be terminated by either of the Contracting Party six months before the expiry of the normal validity.

Provided however that the termination of this Agreement shall not effect the rights of the beneficiaries under the Agreement, which they shall continue to enjoy till the end of the Calendar year in which the termination takes place, or the rights of the scholarship holders, which they shall continue to enjoy till the end of the academic year in which the termination takes place.


IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned Plenipotentiaries being duly authorised thereto by their respective Governments have signed the Agreement in six originals of which two in Hindi, two in French and two in English languages, each text being equally authentic.

Done at Kinshasa on 13th day of Asadha
1900 (SAKA ERA) corresponding to 4th day
of July, 1978.

FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF
THE REPUBLIC OF INDIA


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AMBASSADOR OF INDIA TO
ZAIRE.

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OF THE REPUBLIC OF ZAIRE


(ASAL BOLUMBA IDZUMBUIR)
SECRETARY OF STATE
DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN
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