

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE
GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF INDIA AND THE
GOVERNMENT OF THE KINGDOM OF DENMARK
ON COOPERATION IN AREAS OF
ENVIRONMENT**

The Government of the Republic of India and the Government of the Kingdom of Denmark (hereinafter referred to as “the Parties”);

Recognizing the global nature of many environmental issues and the urgency of finding cost effective and lasting solutions that are coherent with the need for economic growth and the fight against poverty;

Noting that environmental degradation is among the major global challenges;

Considering the strategic role of clean technology in addressing current global challenges and development needs;

Wishing to promote mutually beneficial cooperation in the field of sustainable development;

Bearing in mind that this Memorandum of Understanding is intended to provide a general framework for cooperation and to express the cooperative intent of the Parties,

Have reached the following understanding :

Article 1

The objective of this Memorandum of Understanding is to promote a mutually beneficial partnership between the Parties in the field of environmental sustainability.

Article 2

Within the field of environmental sustainability the following areas have been identified as high priority areas for cooperation between the Parties under the framework of this Memorandum of Understanding:

- a. Water pollution control;
- b. Air pollution control;
- c. Waste Management;
- d. Biodiversity conservation including;
 - (i) Bio-safety
 - (ii) Survey of Bio-resources
 - (iii) Wetland management
- e. Harmful chemicals management;
- f. Clean technologies including :
 - (i) clean water and air technologies;
 - (ii) waste handling technologies;
 - (iii) environmental monitoring technologies;
 - (iv) technologies to support substitution of harmful chemicals in processes and products.

Article 3

1. Cooperation between the Parties under this Memorandum of Understanding may be conducted in the form of:
 - a) exchange of information and documentation;
 - b) exchange visits by experts, scholars and delegations;
 - c) jointly organized seminars, workshops and meetings involving experts, scientists, private companies and other relevant agencies;
 - d) collaborative projects;
 - e) other forms of cooperation as mutually agreed upon.
2. Subject to national legislation and international agreements in force in both countries, the Parties shall adopt appropriate measures to protect the intellectual property rights arising under the implementation of this Memorandum of Understanding.

3. The conditions for the acquisition, maintenance and commercial exploitation of intellectual property rights over possible products and/or processes that might be obtained under this Memorandum of Understanding will be defined in the specific programs, contracts or working plans, which shall also set out the conditions regarding the confidentiality of information whose publication and/or disclosure might jeopardize the acquisition, maintenance and commercial exploitation of intellectual property rights obtained under this Memorandum of Understanding.

Article 4

The Parties shall encourage organizations, private companies, government institutions at all levels and research institutions on both sides to establish cooperation activities aimed at fulfilling the objectives of this Memorandum of Understanding.

Article 5

Each Party shall designate Senior Officials responsible for international affairs of the environment and forestry sector to serve as its Coordinators to supervise and coordinate the planning, performance, evaluation and approval of the cooperation activities to be carried out by the Parties under this Memorandum of Understanding. A Joint Working Group will be constituted to coordinate the work being undertaken under this Memorandum.

The Joint Working Group shall meet alternatively in India and Denmark to review and analyze the progress of activities and shall keep their respective Ministries, duly informed of progress and achievements. The location of bilateral meetings will alternate between the Parties, the sending side bearing the cost of such visits.

Article 6

Nothing in this MOU shall affect the obligations of the Parties under other treaties or agreements related to environmental protection.

Article 7

This Memorandum of Understanding may be amended at any time by the mutual written consent of the Parties.

Article 8

Any dispute about the interpretation or implementation of this Memorandum of Understanding will be resolved through consultations between the Parties.

Article 9

This Memorandum of Understanding shall enter into force on the date of signature.

This Memorandum of Understanding shall be valid for five (5) years, automatically renewed for a further period of five (5) years. Either Party may terminate this Memorandum of Understanding by means of a written notice to the other Party.

Termination will not affect activities already under implementation.

Done at New Delhi in two originals, in English and Hindi language, on 11th day of September, 2009.

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