

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE
GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF INDIA AND THE
GOVERNMENT OF TURKMENISTAN ON COOPERATION IN
THE FIELD OF TOURISM**

The Government of the Republic of India and the Government of Turkmenistan (herein-after referred to as the "Parties"),

RECOGNISING the Parties are desirous to enhance the bilateral cooperation and strengthen the ties of the existing friendship between the two countries, realizing the importance of tourism sector in economic development and employment generation and mutual interests on equal grounds;

EMPHASISING the need to strengthen, deepen and broaden cooperation in tourism;

RECOGNISING further the importance of tourism in the enhancement of knowledge and understanding between their people and as an essential element of both countries;

TAKING INTO ACCOUNT the importance of the Parties as partner and major source market for tourism;

HAVE REACHED the following understanding:

Article 1

The Parties will seek, in accordance with the national laws of each country, to enhance the bilateral cooperation in tourism, trade and hospitality sectors.

Article 2

The Parties will encourage their citizens to travel to each other's country according to their applicable laws, rules and instructions. The Parties shall promote cooperation and direct communication between

the stakeholders of tourism, trade and hospitality industry for enhancing tourism cooperation.

Article 3

The Parties shall endeavour to enhance cooperation in following areas under this Memorandum of Understanding:

- a. Expansion of bilateral cooperation in tourism sector;
- b. Exchange of information and data related to tourism;
- c. Encouraging cooperation between tourism stakeholders, including hotels and tour operators;
- d. Establishing exchange programmes for cooperation in Human Resource Development;
- e. Investment in the Tourism and Hospitality sectors;
- f. Exchanging visits of tour operators/media/ opinion makers for promotion of two-way tourism;
- g. Exchange of experience in the areas of promotion, marketing, destination development and management;
- h. Participation in travel fairs/exhibitions in each other's country;
- i. Promoting safe, honourable and sustainable tourism.

Article 4

Within the framework of this Memorandum of Understanding in order to exchange views of the Parties and draw a road map for enhancing cooperation, the Parties may constitute a Joint Working Group which shall include an equal number of members of each Party. The Joint Working Group shall conduct periodical meetings, preferably once in every two years in turn on pre-specified dates mutually agreed between the Parties. The Parties may invite representatives from tourism, trade and hospitality sectors to attend these meetings.

Article 5

For Joint Working Group meetings, the sending Party shall bear all expenses on delegation's travel, boarding and lodging. All expenses for organizing the meeting shall be borne by the hosting Party.

Article 6

Any difference or dispute arising out of the interpretation, implementation and/or application of any of the provisions of this Memorandum of Understanding shall be settled amicably through mutual consultation or negotiation between the Parties through diplomatic channels, without reference to any third party or international tribunal.

Article 7

Either Party may request, in writing, an amendment of all or any part of the Memorandum of Understanding through diplomatic channels.

Any amendment agreed to by the Parties will be reduced into writing and will form part of this Memorandum.

Article 8

This Memorandum of Understanding shall come in to force on the date of its signature by both the Parties.

This Memorandum of Understanding shall remain in force for a period of five (5) years and thereafter, it shall be automatically renewed for similar successive periods at a time, unless one Party informs the other Party through diplomatic channels for its desire to terminate the same at least six months before its date of expiry.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned being duly authorized thereto, by their respective Governments, have signed this Memorandum of Understanding.

This Memorandum of Understanding is signed in Ashgabat on 11th July, 2015 in two originals, each in Hindi, Turkmen and English languages, all texts being equally authentic. In case of any divergence in interpretation, the English text shall prevail.

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