



**Memorandum of Understanding between the National Archives of India, the Government of Republic of India and the National Archives of Afghanistan, the Government of Islamic Republic of Afghanistan in the field of archives.**

The National Archives of India, Republic of India and the National Archives of Afghanistan, the Government of Islamic Republic of Afghanistan, hereinafter referred to as the "Parties",

Taking into account the importance of cooperation in the field of archives for the development of cultural and academic exchanges between the National Archives of India and the National Archives of Afghanistan;

Have reached the following mutual understanding:

1. The Parties will develop their cooperation on the basis of reciprocity, and in accordance with the legislation of both countries as well as international agreements to which the National Archives of India and the National Archives of Afghanistan are parties.
2. The Parties will exchange working experience and information between archival institutions on area of professional activities of their interest, as well as exchange archival specialists and delegations of archival services on the reciprocal basis.
3. The Parties will exchange legislative and other regulatory documents on the organization of archival affairs, as well as information about software products on automating archival matters and records keeping, working with electronic documentation, archival and scientific-methodological literature (results of academic research works, methodological recommendations, work regulations, materials of academic conferences, seminars, etc), academic-informational reference books and publication of documents.
4. With the objective of replenishing their fonds of National Archives with documents containing information on Indian and Afghanistan history, the Parties will provide each other with copies of archival documents. The copies would be exchanged on the basis of parity (or equality) or in accordance with current prices or on agreed prices acceptable to the Parties.



5. The Parties shall organize joint exhibitions, on topics of interest to both Parties.
6. The Parties shall facilitate joint publication of documents on Indo-Afghanistan relations,
7. The National Archives of India will provide professional training courses to officials and students of Afghanistan in the courses run by the School of Archival Studies. Similarly, the National Archives of Afghanistan will provide professional training courses to officials of National Archives of India.
7. Each of the Parties will render assistance to the researchers of the other Party in their work in its Archives. For these purposes, the researchers will have access to all the academic-reference material and documents on the selected topics of research in accordance with the legislation and regulations governing the fonds of National Archives of both Countries.
8. Cooperation in the framework of this Memorandum will not interfere with other forms of possible contacts in the sphere of archival documentation implemented according to mutual agreement between the Parties.
9. Amendments may be made in this Memorandum as agreed to by the Parties in writing.
10. This Memorandum is not an international contract, and it does not create rights and obligations regulated by international law.
11. This Memorandum shall come into force from the date of its signature by the parties and shall remain in force for a period of three years. Thereafter, it will be renewed by mutual written consent of the parties. This Memorandum may be terminated by either Party by giving a written notice of its intention to terminate to the other party six months in advance.
12. 'Any dispute arising out of the interpretation or implementation of this Memorandum shall be settled amicably through consultation and negotiation between the Parties'.

## General and Financial Terms

### A. Exchange of Experts:

- i. The sending Party shall meet the international return air fare of their experts,
- ii. The receiving Party shall meet all local expenses towards board, lodging, per diem, allowance and local travel;
- iii. The receiving Party shall ensure suitable medical care for visiting persons in case of emergency.

### B. Exhibitions:

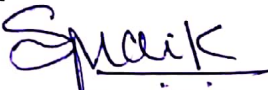
Conditions governing exhibitions will apply on case to case basis through specific Agreements to be signed by the Institutions involved.

### C. Miscellaneous:

- i. The general and financial terms which will form part of this Memorandum shall be worked out as per mutual written agreement.

Signed in duplicate at New Delhi on 25th September 2014 in English,

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