

**Memorandum of Understanding on Cooperation between the Ministry of Law & Justice of the Republic of India and the Ministry of Justice of the Kingdom of Morocco**

The Ministry of Law & Justice of the Republic of India and the Ministry of Justice of the Kingdom of Morocco hereinafter referred to as "the parties":

**Believing** in the necessity of enhancing the domain of mutual co-operation between the two countries of different areas,

**Realising** the importance of broadening the aspects of cooperation to include the legal field,

**Desirous** of strengthening the links of mutual understanding and relations among lawyers in the two countries, and

**Making** for exchanging experiences, information and expertise in legal field including legislations, experience in civil and criminal justice system and exchange of technical knowhow in the working of law and legal profession and organising scientific and training symposiums related to legal affairs,

**Have agreed as follows:**

**Article 1**

The Parties will exchange their experiences and expertise in the field of the working of their Ministries of Law and Justice, with the aim of promoting the level of performance. The Parties will also exchange legislations of the two countries.

**Article 2**

The Parties will encourage holding and organizing symposiums, conferences and joint courses on different issues and matters related to law and its applications, and exchange invitations for the symposiums and scientific conferences that each Party intends to organize. Each Party will also provide the other with the most important conclusions and recommendations reached by such conferences and symposiums.

**Article 3**

The Parties will regularly exchange their bulletins, legal magazines, publications and researches relating to the legislations, especially those relating to developing the departments of the Ministries of Justice of the two countries.



#### Article 4

The Parties will exchange delegations and visits to familiarize with the regulations and activities of the departments of the Ministries of Law and Justice of the two countries.

#### Article 5

The Parties will co-operate in providing the areas and opportunities for training of lawyers, through mutual exchange of legal experts and participation of trainees of other Party in the courses and workshops arranged by the Party.

#### Article 6

The Parties will exchange expertise and experts in the sphere of national information system related to the judicial and legal areas.

#### Article 7

To facilitate implementation of the provisions of this Agreement, the Parties will establish a joint co-ordination committee to specify the programs of their cooperation for the next year, taking into account the financial capabilities in this respect and the feasible spheres of co-operation.

#### Article 8

For financing the stages of the mutual co-operation between the Parties the delegated Party will bear the travel expenses of its delegations to and from the host Party, and the host Party will bear the expenses of accommodation, local transportation, and medication in urgent cases for the delegations of the other Party in accordance with the standards followed by each Party.

#### Article 9

The provisions of this Agreement will not prejudice the performance of the international obligations provided for in the international treaties to which one of the Parties is a Party.

#### Article 10

Any disputes that may arise between the Parties on the application of the provisions of this Agreement shall be resolved by means of negotiations and consultations between the Parties.

#### Article 11

This Agreement or any terms thereof may be amended by the written consent of the Parties, such amendment will take effect in accordance with the legal procedures in force in each country.



Article 12

This Agreement will take effect from the date of exchanging the instruments of its ratification in accordance with the legal procedures enforced in both countries and shall remain valid for a period of three years to be renewed automatically to a similar term of terms, unless one Party notifies the other in writing of its intention to terminate it at least six months before the date of its expiration or termination, through the diplomatic channels.

In witness whereof, the undersigned signatories, being duly authorised by their respective governments, have signed the present MOU.

Done and signed at Marrakech, Morocco on April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2018 in duplicate in Hindi, Arabic, and in English, authentically equal. In case of any divergence, the English text shall prevail.

<b>The Ministry of Law &amp; Justice of the Republic of India</b>	<b>The Ministry of Justice of the Kingdom of Morocco</b>
	