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The Government of the Republic of India and His Majesty's Government of Nepal(hereinafter referred to as "The Contracting Parties");

Being conscious of the age-old ties of friendship between them and the extensive nature of their relationship;

Being committed to the principles of Peaceful Co-existence;

Being mindful of the need to strengthen good neighbourly relations; and

Being desirous of further strengthening mutual understanding and on reinforcing their bilateral relations and co-operation in various fields;

Have agreed as follows:

ARTICLE I

The Contracting Parties agree to establish an India-Nepal Joint Commission (hereinafter referred to as "the Joint Commission") to strengthen understanding and to promote cooperation between them for mutual benefit in the following fields:

1. Economic
2. Trade
3. Transit
4. Industrial
5. Multiple use of Water Resources
6. Any other mutually agreed matters.

## ARTICLE II

The Joint Commission shall discuss mutually agreed agenda and refer its agreed recommendations to the Contracting Parties for action, which shall facilitate and promote cooperation for mutual benefit between them in the fields enumerated in Article I.

## ARTICLE III

The Joint Commission may appoint Sub-commissions as may be deemed necessary to deal with specific areas of co-operation. Such Sub-commissions will submit reports of their work to the Joint Commission at each session. The inter-governmental bodies already set up under different agreements between the Contracting Parties will continue to function in accordance with the existing arrangements. Such inter-governmental bodies will report to the Joint Commission.

## ARTICLE IV

The Joint Commission shall meet at the request of any Contracting Party alternately at Kathmandu and New Delhi. However, there shall not be a gap of more than a year between two consecutive meetings. The respective delegations shall be headed by the Minister for Foreign Affairs of His Majesty's Government of Nepal and the Minister of External Affairs of the Government of the Republic of India and shall include

representatives as designated by the respective Contracting Parties. The delegations may also be led by plenipotentiaries mutually agreeable to the Contracting Parties.

#### ARTICLE V

The Sub-commissions shall meet as often as mutually considered necessary and may include experts and advisers as may be designated by the Contracting Parties.

#### ARTICLE VI

The Joint Commission and the Sub-commissions under it may adopt such rules of procedure as may be necessary for their functioning in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement.

#### ARTICLE VII

The decision of the Joint Commission shall be drawn up in the form of agreed minutes and recommendations.

#### ARTICLE VIII

The agenda for each session shall be prepared and exchanged between the Contracting Parties and shall be agreed at least one month prior to the commencement of the Session.

#### ARTICLE IX

This Agreement shall remain valid for a period of five years and will be automatically extended for another period of five years unless a notice in writing is given by either side asking for the termination of this Agreement six months before the date of its expiry. Further extensions will be effected in a similar manner.

#### ARTICLE X

Amendments and modifications to this Agreement, if necessary, may be made by mutual consent of the Contracting Parties and such amendments and modifications shall then form an integral part of this Agreement.

ARTICLE XI

This Agreement shall come into force provisionally on the date of its signing and definitively from the date of exchange of instruments of approval by the Contracting Parties.

Signed at New Delhi on this twentieth day of June, ONE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED AND EIGHTY SEVEN A.D., in duplicate in Hindi, Nepali, and English language, all the texts being equally authentic. In case of divergence, the English text shall prevail.

FOR AND ON BEHALF OF  
THE GOVERNMENT OF  
THE REPUBLIC OF INDIA

  
(NARAYAN DATT TIWARI)  
MINISTER FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

FOR AND ON BEHALF OF  
HIS MAJESTY'S GOVERNMENT  
NEPAL

  
(SHAILENDRA KUMAR UPADHYAY)  
MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS  
AND LAND REFORMS