

AGREEMENT FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT
OF A JOINT COMMISSION
BETWEEN
THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA AND THE
GOVERNMENT OF PAKISTAN

The Government of the Republic of India and the Government of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan,

Committed to the Principles of Peaceful Co-existence;

Mindful of the need to strengthen good-neighbourly relations; and

Desirous of strengthening mutual understanding, and of promoting their bilateral relations and cooperation in various fields;

Have agreed as follows:

ARTICLE I

An Indo-Pakistan Joint Commission is established to strengthen understanding and to promote cooperation between the two countries for mutual benefit in economic, trade, industrial, education, health, cultural, consular, tourism, travel, information, scientific and technological fields.

ARTICLE II

The Joint Commission will submit mutually agreed reports and recommendations within the area of its competence to the appropriate authorities of the two Governments. Both Governments will consider taking such legal and administrative measures as will facilitate the fulfilment of the task entrusted to the Joint Commission.

ARTICLE III

The Joint Commission may appoint sub-commissions as may be deemed necessary to deal with specific areas of cooperation. The sub-commissions will submit reports of their work to the

Joint Commission at each session.

ARTICLE IV

The Joint Commission will normally meet once a year alternately at New Delhi and Islamabad. The respective delegations will be led by the Minister of External Affairs of India and the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Pakistan and will include, in addition, representatives designated by each Government.

ARTICLE V

The sub-commissions will meet as often as mutually considered necessary and may invite, to such meetings as may be agreed, official or non-official experts and advisers.

ARTICLE VI

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

ARTICLE VII

The decisions and other conclusions of the Joint Commission will be drawn up in the form of reports or agreed minutes.

ARTICLE VIII

The agenda for each session will be prepared after exchanging proposals through diplomatic channels, at the latest in the month preceding the opening of the session, and will be adopted on the opening day of the session.

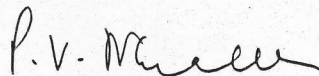
ARTICLE IX

This Agreement shall remain in force for a period of five years and shall be automatically renewed for each subsequent period of five years unless either party gives a written notice to the other six months in advance of its intention to terminate the Agreement. This Agreement may be modified by mutual consent.

ARTICLE X

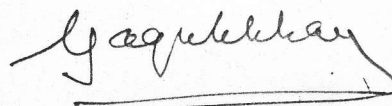
The present Agreement is subject to ratification. It shall enter into force provisionally on the date of signing and definitively on the date of exchange of instruments of ratification.

Signed at New Delhi on this tenth day of March 1983 in duplicate in Hindi, Urdu and English language. All the texts being equally authentic except in case of doubt when the English text shall prevail.



P.V. Narasimha Rao
Minister of External Affairs

FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF
THE REPUBLIC OF INDIA



Sahabzada Yaqub-Khan
Minister for Foreign Affairs

FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF THE
ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF PAKISTAN