

**Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between  
the Ministry of Shipping of the Republic of India and the  
Ministry of National Defence of the Portuguese Republic for  
Cooperation in development of  
National Maritime Heritage Complex  
at Lothal, Gujarat, India**

The Ministry of Shipping of the Republic of India and the Ministry of National Defence of the Portuguese Republic (hereinafter referred to as "Signatories"),

The Ministry of Shipping (MoS) of the Republic of India is the nodal Ministry responsible for formulation of national policies and programmes for the development and regulation of the Ports & Maritime sector in the country. It is responsible for the administration of various other legislation pertaining to the Ports & Maritime sector in the country. This Ministry exercises administrative control over attached and autonomous organizations such as the Major Port Trusts, Directorate General of Shipping, Directorate General of Lighthouses & Lightships, Indian Maritime University, etc. and affiliated Public Sector Undertakings, such as Kamarajar Port Limited, Cochin Shipyard Limited, etc. Ministry of Shipping is located at Transport Bhawan, Parliament Street, New Delhi, 110001;

The Ministry of National Defence (MDN) participates in the definition of national defense policy and develops and implements policies regarding national defence and also monitors and supports the implementation of non-military defence policy projects. The Ministry promotes Research and Development, as well as dissemination of topics of national interest (in defence areas). The Ministry of National Defence is located at Avenida Ilha da Madeira, 1400-204 Lisboa, Portugal;

Considering the Memorandum of Understanding between the Ministry of Shipping of the Republic of India and the Ministry of National Defence of the Portuguese Republic on Defence Cooperation, signed in January 7, 2017;

Bearing in mind that bilateral defence cooperation will contribute to the strengthening of relations between the Signatories in the wider scope of the political and economic engagement between the two countries;

Considering the Memorandum of Understanding between Ministry of Culture of the Portuguese Republic and Ministry of Culture of Republic of India signed on 24 June 2017, which provides an overarching mechanism for bilateral cultural cooperation including that for "development of National Museums";

Acknowledging the enormous importance of maritime cultural heritage for both countries;

Decide as follows:

**Clause 1**  
**Object**

- 1) To showcase India's rich and diverse maritime heritage, a world-class National Maritime Heritage Complex (NMHC) is being developed at Lothal, Gujarat. NMHC will consolidate all diverse and rich artefacts from ancient to modern times and provide access to public and make them aware, learn and get inspired from maritime heritage. An edutainment approach using latest technology will be adopted for development of NMHC complex. The proposed NMHC has National Maritime Museum, Maritime Heritage based Theme Park, Maritime Research Institute, Nature Conservation Park, Resorts and Hotels, etc.
- 2) This Memorandum of Understanding (hereinafter referred to as the "MOU") establishes the framework for cooperation between the Ministry of Shipping of the Republic of India and the Ministry of National Defence of the Portuguese

Republic for cooperation in development of National Maritime Heritage Complex at Lothal, Gujarat, India.

- 3) This MOU specifically deals with close cooperation for development of National Maritime Heritage Complex, Lothal within the framework of cultural cooperation already in place. It serves as a general understanding under which specific work items for NMHC may be proposed, formulated and agreed upon by both the Signatories with regard to the forms of cooperation specified below.

## **Clause 2 Forms of Cooperation**

The MoS of the Republic of India and the MDN of the Portuguese Republic under the terms of this MOU will develop cooperation in the following forms:

- a) Showcase the close, old and common maritime heritage of Portugal and India.
- b) Cooperate for exchange/loan artifacts, articles, replicas, etc. related to Portuguese/Indian maritime history.
- c) Share experience, technical knowhow and expertise for construction, operation, sustenance, maintenance and growth of National Maritime Heritage Complex
- d) Share design know-how, implementation know-how, maintenance and service know-how for development of NMHC with an edutainment based approach leveraging technology.
- e) Conduct collaborative temporary/travelling exhibitions in India/Portugal related to NMHC.
- f) Enhance international tourism focusing on maritime heritage in India/Portugal.
- g) Cooperate for sharing expertise in design, lighting arrangements, use of digital technology and development of Conservation Lab and Conservation of maritime heritage
- h) Cooperate for further research to showcase common maritime heritage leading to collaborative global publications.
- i) Cooperate for the development of manpower to showcase common maritime heritage.

- j) Cooperate for development of gallery "The landing of Vasco Da Gama/ The arrival of Europeans" in NMHC by replicating/borrowing artefacts displayed in National Maritime Museum, Portugal related to Vasco Da Gama's Voyage to India.

**Clause 3**  
**Instruments for the realization of joint activities**

- 1) Both Signatories shall regularly hold dialogues and exchange information to coordinate assistance and technical support for the cooperation process and projects in the field of maritime heritage.
- 2) Meetings and workshops at expert level will operationalize the initiatives in the outlined fields of cooperation and assist implementation.
- 3) The Signatories shall conduct mutual consultations, advisory work and technical assistance to support system building in maritime heritage efforts as mutually identified.

**Clause 4**  
**Terms of Understanding on Specific Projects/Requests**

Within each and/or across the forms of cooperation and needs, based on request and consultation, the Signatories will propose the approach and methodology as required.

**Clause 5**  
**Final arrangements**

- 1) All activities carried out based on this MOU must be in accordance with the laws governing the organization and structure of the Signatories as well as to the internal law of each State and will be financed with funds allocated under their respective budgets, subject to the availability of the said funds, personnel, and other resources of each Signatory.
- 2) Each Signatory will finance costs of international travel, accommodation, food and salaries / daily subsistence allowances incurred by its own visiting delegations.

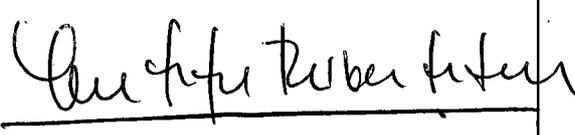
**Clause 6  
Changes**

This MOU may be changed at any time by mutual written consent of the Signatories.

**Clause 7  
Entry into effect**

- 1) This MOU will come into effect on the date of its signature for successive and automatically renewable periods of five years, unless either Signatory gives written notice to the other Signatory of its intention to cease its effect.
- 2) Either Signatory may cease this MOU at any time upon six months prior written notice to the other Signatory.
- 3) The cessation of effects of this MOU should not affect the implementation of ongoing activities and / or programs decided upon prior to the date of the cessation of effects of this MOU, unless the Signatories decide otherwise.
- 4) This MOU does not constitute a binding commitment under international law between Signatories.

Signed at New Delhi on the 14<sup>th</sup> of February of 2020 in two originals, in English language.

<p>For the Ministry of Shipping,  of the Republic of India</p>  <hr/> <p>Mansukh L. Mandaviya Minister of State for Shipping (Independent Charge)</p>	<p>For the Ministry of National Defence,  of the Portuguese Republic</p>  <hr/> <p>Jorge Seguro Sanches Deputy Minister of National Defence</p>
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