Memorandum of Understanding
On Co-operation Between the Ministry of Law,
Justice and Company Affairs of the Government of
the Republic of India and the Ministry of
Justice of the Russian Federation

The Ministry of Law, Justice and Company Affairs of the Government of the Republic of India and the Ministry of Justice of the Russian Federation hereinafter referred to as "the Parties".

aspiring for deeper and broader co-operation between the Republic of India and the Russian Federation in the field of justice,

noting the interests of both the Parties in developing and consolidating the contacts between them in legal and judicial spheres,

have agreed upon the following:

Article 1

The Parties, within their competence, in accordance with the laws of their countries and subject to their respective possibilities, will expand their co-operation in the areas of law and justice by such means as:

- 1) mutual assistance between the experts in law of both countries in the drafting of legislation and in the assessment of such legislation;
- the promotion of close co-operation between the courts/ justice institutions of both countries;
- exchange of delegations of officials with the purpose of familiarization with the structure and the activities of courts/justice institutions and other fields of legal activities of both countries;

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- 4) the organization and conduct on a reciprocal basis of courses, seminars, internships and other similar activities for the further improvement of professional education and training of justice officials (specialists) and legal experts;
- mutual assistance of educational institutions of the Parties in the setting up and management of law courses, in the preparation and implementation of programmes of studies with the participation of justice officials (specialists) and experts and also lecturers and professors in this field from both countries;
- exchange of experience in the use of information technology in courts/justice institutions and other related fields;
- exchange of current legislation, legal literature and publications on legal subjects as well as of relevant information on legal matters.

Article 2

The Parties may also conclude other agreements going in line with the purposes of the development of co-operation between them in the field of justice.

Article 3

Both Parties shall annually specify the scope of the arrangements, the financial and organizational terms of carrying them out.

Article 4

The joint arrangements to be carried out within the framework of the present Agreement shall be financed by the Parties according to the following principle; the expenses connected with the stay on the territory of the host country shall be borne by the host party, and the travelling expenses to and from the host country shall be borne by sending party.



Article 5

The present Agreement comes into force from the date of its signing. Either of the Parties may terminate the present Agreement at any time by giving notice to the other through diplomatic channel. This Agreement shall cease to have effect three months after the receipt of such notice.

Done in New Delhi on Octobeh "3" 2000 in the Hindi, Russian and English languages each, all texts being equally authentic.

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