

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN THE MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT OF THE RUSSIAN
FEDERATION
AND THE MINISTRY OF PORTS, SHIPPING AND WATERWAYS
OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF INDIA
ON THE TRAINING OF SPECIALISTS FOR SHIPS
OPERATING IN POLAR WATERS**

The Ministry of Transport of the Russian Federation and the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways of the Government of the Republic of India, hereinafter referred to as the Parties,

proceeding from the common desire to develop and strengthen cooperation in the field of merchant shipping,

desiring to contribute to the training of specialists from the Republic of India for ships operating in polar waters (officers and ratings forming part), hereinafter referred to as the Specialists for work in polar waters,

noting the importance of the Northern Sea Route as a historically established national transport communication of the Russian Federation and, consequently, the specific competence of the Russian Federation in the field of ship operation in polar waters,

have reached the understanding as follows:

1. The objective of this Memorandum is to promote cooperation in the field of training of Specialists to work in polar waters under the framework of the provisions of the International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers, 1978, as amended (STCW Convention), the provisions of the International Code for Ships Operating in Polar Waters (Polar Code).

2. The Designated Organizations acting from the Russian Party in the implementation of this Memorandum are Federal State Budgetary Educational Institution of Higher Education Maritime State University named after Admiral G.I. Nevelskoy and Federal State Educational Institution of Higher Education «Admiral Makarov State University of Maritime and Inland Shipping» in regard to the training of Specialists to work in polar waters in accordance with the training program of the Designated Organizations and the applicable provisions of the STCW Convention and its related the Seafarers Training, Certification and Watchkeeping Code (STCW Code).

The training delivered under this Memorandum shall be aligned with IMO Model Courses 7.11 (Basic) and 7.12 (Advanced) and shall be subject to recognition and acceptance by the Directorate General of Shipping, Government of India, for endorsement under STCW Regulation V/4, as per STCW Convention and Code as amended.

3. The cooperation in accordance with this Memorandum will be carried out in the following areas:

a) the educational training of the Specialists to work in polar waters on the basis of the education program of the Designated Organizations and the applicable provisions of the STCW Convention and its related STCW Code;

b) the exchange of information, educational materials and presentations in the field of basic and advanced training for the Specialists to work in polar waters.

4. The Parties will discuss the number and categories of trainees, as well as other issues related to the educational training process, taking into consideration the capacities of the Designated Organizations. As part of initial implementation, the Parties may consider commencing with a pilot batch of trainees, the outcomes of which may inform subsequent training engagements under this Memorandum.

5. The Indian Party will bear costs for receiving services on educational training, as well as for educational materials necessary for educational training.

6. The Indian Party will bear transportation costs and expenses related to accommodation and meals of their trainees (specialists, trainers).

7. The Russian Party sending its trainers (lecturers, instructors) will not bear transportation costs and expenses related to accommodation and meals, if they are invited for teaching to the territory of the Republic of India. All costs will be borne by the Indian Party.

8. The Parties will refrain from disseminating information concerning the interaction under this Memorandum to third parties.

9. The cooperation under this Memorandum will be carried out in accordance with the legislation of the States of the Parties and international agreements in force between Russia and India.

10. The Parties will hold the consultations upon the request of one of the Parties on any issues related to application of this Memorandum, and will jointly endeavor to resolve any disagreements in the spirit of mutual cooperation and trust.

The Parties intend to establish a joint review mechanism to periodically assess the implementation of this Memorandum, including training outcomes, feedback from trainees, and opportunities for improvement. Such reviews may be conducted as mutually agreed by Parties.

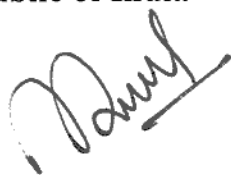
11. This Memorandum is not an international treaty and does not establish any rights or obligations governed by international law.

12. This Memorandum will be applied from the date of its signature. Each Party may terminate the application of this Memorandum by sending the respective notification in writing to the other Party 6 (six) months before the intended date of expiration of this Memorandum.

Signed in New Delhi on the 04 of December, 2025, in two copies, each in the Russian, Hindi and English languages.

In case of discrepancies in interpretation, the English text will be used.

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