



**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**  
**BETWEEN**  
**THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE OF**  
**THE REPUBLIC OF INDIA**  
**AND**  
**THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH, WELFARE AND SPORT OF**  
**THE KINGDOM OF THE NETHERLANDS**  
**ON**  
**COOPERATION IN THE FIELD OF HEALTHCARE AND PUBLIC HEALTH**

The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare of the Republic of India and the Ministry of Health, Welfare and Sport of the Kingdom of the Netherlands, hereinafter referred to as the "Parties",

Recognising the importance of promoting public health and further developing the healthcare in both countries through joint efforts and the importance of cooperation in combating global public health risks, especially noticing the contribution of such cooperation in the development of relations between the two countries,

Have reached the following understanding:



## **ARTICLE 1**

The objective of this Memorandum of Understanding is to promote bilateral cooperation and exchange between the Parties in the field of healthcare and public health, on the basis of equality, reciprocity and mutual benefit, taking into account the applicable laws and legal provisions in each country.

## **ARTICLE 2**

(1) The Parties shall develop and strengthen cooperation and exchange in the following areas:

- (i) Communicable diseases with special focus on anti-microbial resistance;
- (ii) Public Health Policy;
- (iii) Health systems strengthening including e-health and governance;
- (iv) Medical Equipment and Pharmaceutical Products; and
- (v) Life Sciences and medical technology.

(2) Under this Memorandum of Understanding, the Parties may develop cooperation and exchange in any other health or public health related area not mentioned above that is mutually agreed upon by both Parties.



### **ARTICLE 3**

The cooperation between the Parties may be carried out in the following form:

- (i) Collaboration between the Governments, Governmental health agencies, public health Institutes, Regulatory agencies, including between Central Drug Standard Control Organization and the Netherland Health care Inspectorate, and collaboration on Public Private Partnerships with knowledge institutes and health Industry;
- (ii) Arrangements of bi-lateral meetings, symposia and other meetings; participation of experts, advisors and other concerned partners from the Parties in such meetings;
- (iii) Coordination and consultation, as required, on Global Health issues of common interest; and
- (iv) Any other form of cooperation, as mutually decided upon.

### **ARTICLE 4**

Both Parties understand that any and all activities under this MoU will be subject to the availability of funds and resources and the policies and laws governing the respective Party.

### **ARTICLE 5**

(1) The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare of the Republic of India and the Ministry of Health, Welfare & Sport of the Kingdom of the Netherlands shall be the designated agencies for the implementation of this Memorandum of Understanding.



(2) For coordination of all activities under this Memorandum of Understanding a Joint Indo-Netherlands Working Group on Cooperation in the field of Healthcare and Public Health shall be set up (hereinafter referred to as "Joint Working Group").

(3) The Joint Working Group will meet, at intervals agreed upon by the Parties, alternately in the Netherlands and India, and shall examine concrete activities and programmes of cooperation, coordinate with the participating organizations responsible for the implementation of these programmes, and shall make recommendations to the Parties, through an accepted procedure. The composition, place of meetings and procedure to be followed in the Joint Working Group shall be determined by mutual consent of the Parties.

#### **ARTICLE 6**

Unless agreed otherwise the travel, board and lodging cost of delegations to be exchanged and specialists shall be covered by the sending Parties.

#### **ARTICLE 7**

Any dispute arising out of the interpretation and implementation or application of this Memorandum of Understanding shall be settled by negotiations and mutual consultations.



## ARTICLE 8

(1) The present Memorandum of Understanding shall come into effect from the date of its signing and shall remain effective for a period of five years. Thereafter, it will be renewable by mutual written consent of the Parties.

(2) Either Party may terminate this Memorandum of Understanding by means of a written notice to the other Party. The termination shall take effect six months following the date of notification.

(3) The termination of this MOU will not affect the implementation of ongoing activities and programmes which have been decided by the Governments prior to the date of the termination of this MOU.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned being duly authorized thereto by their respective Governments, have signed this Memorandum of Understanding.

Signed at New Delhi on 30<sup>th</sup> January 2014 in two originals, each in Hindi, Dutch and English languages, all texts being equally authentic. In case of divergence in interpretation, English text shall prevail.

Signature:	Signature:
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