

Memorandum of Understanding
between
the Ministry of Communications and Information Technology
(Department of Information Technology)
of the Republic of India
and
the Communications and Information Agency of Uzbekistan

on Cooperation in Information Technology

The Ministry of Communications and Information Technology of India and the Communications and Information Agency of Uzbekistan (hereinafter referred to as “the Parties”),

CONSIDERING that both countries, being participants in the provision of technology and services in the IT sector, intend to build up their partnership in the IT sector in a variety of ways,

RECOGNISING further the need to promote co-operation in the IT industry between the Parties with a view to leverage capabilities and opportunities on both sides,

DESIRING to facilitate the growth of investments, companies with foreign investments, joint initiatives, technology development and markets in the IT sector, and

INTENDING to implement a technology and industry co-operation program aimed at fostering business partnerships between both countries,

HAVE REACHED the following understanding:

ARTICLE 1
Basic Principles

The Parties hereby confirm their intention to promote closer co-operation and the exchange of information pertaining to the IT sector in accordance with the relevant laws and regulations of each country and this Memorandum of Understanding and on the basis of equality, reciprocity and mutual benefit.

ARTICLE 2
Scope of Co-operation

The scope of co-operation between the Parties shall include the following areas relating to IT:

- i. Industry-to-Industry cooperation
- ii. Exchange of information and knowledge sharing
- iii. Training and skill development in IT sector
- iv. Cooperation in software development
- v. Other areas as mutually agreed upon by the Parties.

ARTICLE 3
Implementation

The scope of co-operation identified in Article 2, will be implemented through the existing India-Uzbekistan Joint Working Group on Information Technology.

ARTICLE 4
Working Group

1. The Working Group shall be responsible for implementing the scope of co-operation as set out in Article 2 above. The Working Group may hold consultations to identify and define future activities, review activities in progress or discuss matters related to such activities. Where necessary, and by mutual agreement, the Working Group may hold working meetings alternately in Uzbekistan and India at a mutually agreed time.
2. The composition of the Working Group and identification of key deliverables for the Working Group would be identified and will be agreed by the parties before each meeting of the Working Group.

ARTICLE 5
Ways of Co-operation

1. All cooperative activities under Article 2 of this Memorandum of Understanding will be conducted in accordance with applicable laws and regulations of each country.
2. All cooperative activities under Article 2 of this Memorandum of Understanding will be subject to the availability of funds and other resources of the Parties. The cost of cooperative activities will be shared by the Parties in a manner to be mutually agreed upon.

ARTICLE 6
Intellectual Property Rights

The Intellectual Property Rights arising out of joint projects conducted or developed through this MOU will be jointly held by both parties.

ARTICLE 7
Release of Information

The Parties confirm that neither Party shall disclose nor disseminate any information to any third country given by the other side in the process of cooperative activities under this MOU, except as and to the extent authorized in writing to do so by the other Party.

ARTICLE 8
Amendments

With mutual consent of the Parties, additions and amendments can be made to this Memorandum of Understanding through separate protocols being the integral part of this Memorandum. The protocols will come into effect in accordance with Article 10 of this Memorandum of Understanding.

ARTICLE 9
Disputes Settlement

Any dispute between the Parties concerning the interpretation and/or implementation of this Memorandum of Understanding shall be settled amicably through consultations and/or negotiations between the Parties.

ARTICLE 10
Validity

1. This Memorandum of Understanding will come into effect on the date of its signature and will remain in force for a period of five (5) years thereafter, unless terminated by either Party giving six (6) months' prior notice in writing to the other Party.
2. This Memorandum of Understanding may be extended at any time within the period it remains in force by mutual written consent of the Parties.
3. The termination of this Memorandum of Understanding will not affect co-operative activities under Articles 2 and 3 which are already in progress and were not completed.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, the undersigned, being duly authorized hereof by their respective Ministries, have signed this Memorandum of Understanding at New Delhi on 18 May 2011, in two originals, each in Hindi, Uzbek and English languages, all texts being equally authentic. In case of discrepancy in the interpretations of the texts, the English text will prevail.

For and on behalf of
the Ministry of Communications
and Information Technology of
the Republic of India

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