

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING ON COOPERATION IN THE  
FIELD OF HEALTH CARE AND PUBLIC HEALTH BETWEEN THE  
GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF INDIA AND THE  
GOVERNMENT OF THE KINGDOM OF SWEDEN**

The Government of the Republic of India and the Government of the Kingdom of Sweden hereinafter referred to as "Parties",

Recognising the necessity of further developing the state of health of the people of the two countries through joint efforts and the importance of health in the context of bilateral relations, especially noticing the contribution of such cooperation to the development of relations between the two countries,

Have reached the following understanding:

**ARTICLE I**

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

The cooperation under this Memorandum of Understanding will be complementary to the ongoing cooperation between the two countries.

## ARTICLE II

The Parties shall develop and strengthen co-operation in the following priority areas:-

- (i) Non Communicable Disease including controlling the associated risk factors of tobacco, alcohol and unhealthy foods.
- (ii) Communicable diseases and antimicrobial resistance
- (iii) Public Health Policy
- (iv) Maternal and Child Health
- (v) Health Resource Development, especially strengthening of midwifery and nursing skills
- (vi) Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights
- (vii) Strengthening Health Systems including eHealth and governance
- (viii) Indigenous Systems of Medicine
- (ix) Health and Medical Services
- (x) Health and Medical Research
- (xi) Medical Equipment and Pharmaceutical Products
- (xii) Health, Environment and Climate Change

## ARTICLE III

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

- a) Collaboration between governments, governmental agencies, regional and local governments, knowledge and private sector institutions, commercial actors and civil society institutions;

- b) Collaboration between academic and research institutions, exchange of information, documentation and results of research, and information on the state of the health;
- c) Arrangement of bi-lateral meetings, symposia and other meetings; participation of experts, advisors and other concerned partners from the Parties in such meetings;
- d) Coordination and consultation, as required, on Global Health issues of common interest ; and
- e) Any other form of cooperation as mutually decided upon.

#### **ARTICLE IV**

1. The financial terms of cooperation shall be based on the principle of cost sharing.
2. Upon mutual agreement, specific cooperation activities or projects may be undertaken.
3. Administration and internal control regarding programmes, projects and other activities, as well as obligations in respect of experts participating in programmes, projects and other activities, should be undertaken in accordance with Article 3 of the Agreement on Technical Cooperation between the Government of the Republic of India and the Government of the Kingdom of Sweden.

#### **ARTICLE V**

1. The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare of the Government of the Republic of India and the Ministry of Health and Social Affairs of the



Government of the Kingdom of Sweden shall be the designated agencies for the implementation of this Memorandum of Understanding.

2. For coordination of all activities under this Memorandum of Understanding, an Indo-Swedish Working Group on Cooperation in the field of Health care 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 Sweden 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 the meetings and procedure to be followed in the Joint Working Group shall be determined by mutual consent of the Parties.

#### **ARTICLE VI**

The present Memorandum of Understanding will not affect the rights and obligations of the Parties under other bilateral or multilateral Treaties and Agreements to which they are a Party.

#### **ARTICLE VII**

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

## ARTICLE VIII

The present Memorandum of Understanding shall come into effect from the date of its signing and shall remain effective for an indefinite period. 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.

The termination of this Memorandum of Understanding shall not affect the completion of activities under agreements and contracts concluded on the basis of the present Memorandum of Understanding, which may have been completed by the date of its termination.

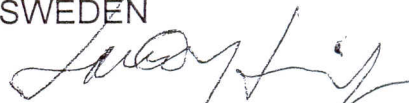
In witness whereof, duly authorized representatives of the Parties have signed this Memorandum of Understanding at New Delhi on the 24 February 2009 in two originals, each in Hindi, English and Swedish languages, all texts being equally authentic. In case of divergence of interpretation, English text shall prevail.

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