

**AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT  
OF INDIA AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE  
KINGDOM OF LESOTHO ON ECONOMIC  
AND TECHNICAL COOPERATION**  
**New Delhi, 5 August 1976**

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The Government of the Republic of INDIA

AND

The Government of the Kingdom of LESOTHO,

RECOGNISING the friendly ties existing between the peoples of India and Lesotho;

CONSIDERING THAT the peoples of India and Lesotho have a common interest in economic progress and that their joint efforts to exchange technical knowledge and skills will assist in achieving this objective;

BEING MUTUALLY DESIROUS OF advancing the closest possible cooperation in the economic and technical fields on the basis of equality and mutual benefit;

BELIEVING FIRMLY THAT such cooperation between peoples of the two countries will advance further the cooperative effort;

HAVE AGREED as follows :

*Article 1*

The Government of the Republic of India and the Government of the Kingdom of Lesotho shall facilitate and promote, in conformity with the provisions of this Agreement, any form of economic and technical cooperation as they may deem useful to the economies of their respective countries.

*Article 2*

The economic and technical cooperation between the Contracting Parties shall be effected through separate Protocols to be concluded between authorised institutions or bodies of the said Contracting Parties, subject to the approval of the two Governments and in

accordance with laws or regulations in force from time to time in each country.

### Article 3

The economic and technical cooperation shall include, *inter alia*, the following activities having always in view their possible extension to such other forms as may be found mutually beneficial :

- (a) exchange of personnel for training purposes including practical and academic training in technical and other institutes, factories and other production centres in each country, grant of scholarships etc;
- (b) exchange of visits of experts and Government officials in economic and technical fields with a view to acquiring expert knowledge, lecturing and instructing in the other country;
- (c) provision of the services of experts in economic and technical fields;
- (d) exchange, preparation and giving of technical documentation, including the exchange and giving of corresponding information;
- (e) setting up of joint ventures;
- (f) cooperation between production enterprises in exchanging technology and then finding the most suitable technical solutions and attaining increased productivity; and
- (g) taking all necessary steps to encourage tourism and facilitate travel between the two countries in accordance with their respective laws or regulations and including exchange of technical assistance and expertise between the organisations in the two countries employed in the promotion and marketing of tourism, and reciprocal publicity arrangements.

### Article 4

The Contracting Parties shall appoint, in their respective countries, authorities which shall be charged with the execution of economic and technical cooperation as provided for in this Agreement, who shall keep in touch with each other on all questions relating to this Agreement.

### Article 5

In order to establish regularly the volume and conditions of mutual economic and technical cooperation and to review the progress made, the representatives of the authorities mentioned in Article 4

shall meet either in New Delhi or in Maseru. The decisions of these meetings shall be subject to the approval of the Contracting Parties.

*Article 6*

The terms and conditions of the services of experts and trainees and of all other forms of economic and technical cooperation mentioned in Article 3 shall be agreed upon in each case between the respective representatives of the Contracting Parties in individual arrangements as contemplated in Article 2 of the Agreement. Where necessary, these terms and conditions will also provide against the improper disclosure of such knowledge or information as may be acquired by the recipient party.

*Article 7*

Persons deputed under this Agreement shall be obliged to comply with the laws or regulations in force from time to time, of the country in which they perform their duties, render or carry on any activities.

Each Contracting Party, receiving assistance in accordance with this Agreement, shall, in so far as the same may be permissible under the laws or regulations in force in the country of such Contracting Party, extend to the experts and/or trainees of the other Contracting Party all such facilities and immunities as may be reasonably necessary for successful fulfilment of their duties under this Agreement.

*Article 8*

Further details regarding fulfilment of the obligations undertaken by the Contracting Parties pursuant to this Agreement shall be separately defined in such case by exchange of letters between the said Contracting Parties or in any other suitable forms as may be mutually agreed upon between them.

*Article 9*

The present Agreement shall be subject to ratification and shall come into force with effect from the date of exchange of the Instruments of Ratification conforming to the relevant laws or regulations of their respective countries.

The present Agreement shall remain in force for a period of five years. Thereafter, it shall be renewable from year to year by tacit Agreement, unless either Contracting Party terminates it by giving to the other a written notice at least six months prior to the expiry of any period of validity of the Agreement.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the duly authorised representatives of the Contracting Parties have hereunto set their hands and seals.

DONE in duplicate at New Delhi on 5th day of August of the year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy Six in the English and Hindi languages, both the texts being equally authentic.

For the Government of  
the Republic of India

For the Government of the  
Kingdom of Lesotho

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Minister of External Affairs

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Minister of Foreign Affairs

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