

**CULTURAL AGREEMENT¹ BETWEEN THE
GOVERNMENT OF INDIA AND THE
GOVERNMENT OF THE KINGDOM
OF LESOTHO**

Maseru, 5 October 1976

The Government of the Republic of INDIA

AND

The Government of the Kingdom of LESOTHO,

DESIRING to consolidate and develop the friendly relations existing between the two countries and their peoples;

RECOGNISING the common interest in encouraging and developing cultural relations between their countries;

CONSIDERING that an agreement on cultural cooperation will promote these aims;

HAVE agreed as follows :

Article 1

The Contracting Parties agree to the exchange and promotion of cooperation between their two countries in the fields of art, culture, education, including academic activity in the fields of science and technology and sports.

Article 2

- (i) The Contracting Parties shall promote the establishment of good relations between cultural and sporting bodies; their universities and institutions of higher learning, with a view to acquainting each other of the life of their people and exchange of views and experiences.
- (ii) For this purpose they shall promote the exchange of professors, lecturers, teachers and educational experts in universities and institutes of higher education.

1. Came into force on 7 October 1977.

Article 3

The Contracting Parties shall, as far as possible, promote the exchange of educational and scientific equipment and teaching aids.

Article 4

The Contracting Parties shall offer each other, according to their ability, scholarships and fellowships for students to study at universities, technical institutes, scientific research and vocational training centres in the two countries.

Article 5

The Contracting Parties shall exchange experts in archaeology and exploration of antiquities, and shall extend all possible facilities in these fields within the framework of their respective laws and regulations. They shall also exchange information and discoveries and historical documents pertaining to the history of each other's country.

Article 6

The Contracting Parties shall study the terms and criteria for establishing equivalence of educational certificates and degrees granted by their respective educational institutions. Each Party shall also extend all possible facilities for admitting each other's students in their colleges and universities.

Article 7

The Contracting Parties shall encourage the exchange of artistic exhibitions, theatrical, musical and folklore troupes, as well as the promotion of festivals and cultural symposium.

Article 8

The Contracting Parties undertake to draw up programmes of action to be implemented within the framework of this Agreement.

Article 9

This Agreement shall come into force immediately after the two Parties have exchanged instruments of ratification, in accordance with the laws of their respective countries. Both parties shall ratify this Agreement within a period of three months from the date of signature.

Article 10

This Agreement shall remain in force for a period of five years and shall be automatically renewed every five years unless either Party gives a six months notice in advance in writing to the other of its intention to terminate or amend the Agreement.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the duly authorised representatives of the Contracting Parties have hereunto signed the Agreement and affixed their seals.

DONE at Maseru this the 5th day of October 1976 corresponding to the 13th day of Aswin of Saka one thousand eight hundred and ninety eight, in two originals in English language, the texts of both being equally authentic.

Sd/-
Deputy Minister of External
Affairs
For the Government of
the Republic of India

Sd/-
Minister of Foreign Affairs
For the Government of the
Kingdom of Lesotho
