

**AGREEMENT¹ BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF
INDIA AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE
SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM ON
TRADE AND ECONOMIC
COOPERATION**

New Delhi, 26 February 1978

The Government of the Republic of INDIA

AND

The Government of the Socialist Republic of VIETNAM,
(Hereinafter referred to as Contracting Parties);

DESIROUS of developing further the existing trade and economic relations between the two countries on the principles of equality and mutual benefit;

HAVE AGREED upon the following :

Article I

Each Contracting Party shall, within the framework of its laws, rules and regulations, facilitate to the maximum extent possible, the export of goods to, and import of goods from, the territory of the other Contracting Party.

Article II

The relevant physical and juridical persons of the Contracting Parties shall conclude contracts for import and export of goods in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement and subject to the import, export and foreign exchange laws, rules and regulations in force in the two countries.

Article III

The Contracting Parties shall accord to each other most-favoured-nation treatment in respect of import and export licences, customs

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duties, and all other charges and taxes applicable to import and export of commodities.

Article IV

The provisions of Article III shall not, however, apply to the grant or continuance of any :

- (a) advantage accorded by either Contracting Party to contiguous countries for the purpose of facilitating frontier traffic;
- (b) preference or advantage accorded by either Contracting Party to any country as existing on the date of conclusion of the present Agreement, or in replacement of such preference or advantage, as existed prior to that date;
- (c) advantage or preference accorded under any scheme for expansion of trade and economic cooperation among developing countries which is open for participation by developing countries and to which either Contracting Party is or may become a Party.

Article V

The exchange of commodities between the Republic of India and the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam shall be effected in accordance with the indicative lists¹ "A" and "B" annexed to this Agreement.

The above mentioned lists shall not be construed as excluding goods and commodities not enumerated therein.

Article VI

The Contracting Parties, desirous of promoting economic cooperation between the two countries, shall encourage the development of mutually agreed schemes.

Such schemes or economic cooperation shall be implemented through contracts and agreements between appropriate organisations and institutions of the two countries.

Article VII

The Contracting Parties shall promote technical cooperation for the economic development and enhancement of the living standards of each country, and in this respect, shall facilitate the exchange of technical know-how together with the exchange of skilled personnel and technical trainees.

1. Not printed.

Article VIII

All payments under this Agreement shall be made in freely convertible currencies in accordance with the laws and regulations in force from time to time in the two countries.

Article IX

In order to facilitate the implementation of this Agreement, the Contracting Parties shall consult each other as and when necessary to review the working of the Agreement.

Article X

This Agreement shall come into force on the date of signature and shall remain in force for a period of three years. Thereafter it shall be extended automatically for a period of one year each time, unless either Contracting Party gives to the other a notice in writing three months before the expiry of any of the aforesaid periods of its validity, of its intention to terminate this Agreement.

DONE at New Delhi on 26th February, 1978 in duplicate in the Hindi, Vietnamese and English languages, all texts being equally authentic, but in case of doubt the English text shall prevail.

Sd/-

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