

**CULTURAL AGREEMENT<sup>1</sup> BETWEEN  
THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA AND  
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE  
REPUBLIC OF ZAIRE  
Kinshasa, 4 July 1978**

---

The Government of the Republic of INDIA

AND

The Government of the Republic of ZAIRE,

DESIROUS of strengthening their cultural relations and of further promoting their friendly collaboration in the fields of education, art and culture, science and technology, mass media of information and education, sports and games, journalism and public health,

HAVE AGREED as follows :

*Article I*

The Contracting Parties undertake to promote and develop as far as possible the relations between the two countries in the fields of education, art and culture, science and technology, mass media of information and education, sports and games, journalism and public health.

*Article II*

With a view to realising this cooperation the Contracting Parties shall facilitate and promote between their countries the exchange of teachers in various fields of teaching, research workers, students, probationers, specialists, technicians, lecturers and other persons pursuing an activity in the fields referred to in Article I of the present Agreement.

*Article III*

Each Contracting Party shall encourage as far as possible by grant of scholarships and subsidies the nationals of the other Contracting

1. Came into force on 6 February 1984.

Party to undertake or pursue any professional training, any study and research in its own country.

*Article IV*

Each Contracting Party shall facilitate to the nationals sponsored by the other Contracting Party, access to monuments, scientific institutions, research centres, public libraries and archives, museums, stadia and other cultural and sports bodies under its control subject to the rules and regulations in force.

*Article V*

Each Contracting Party shall encourage close cooperation between the cultural and sports organisations as well as the pedagogic organisations of the two countries.

*Article VI*

The Contracting Parties shall study the conditions under which equivalence could be established between the diplomas and degrees awarded by each.

*Article VII*

The Contracting Parties shall encourage technical cooperation and exchange of cultural and artistic programmes between their Radio and Television Stations.

*Article VIII*

The Contracting Parties shall encourage as far as possible and subject to their respective rules and regulations the exchange of scientific and technical books, brochures and journals and also taped music and films of educational interest.

*Article IX*

Each Contracting Party shall facilitate, subject to its financial resources and rules and regulations in force, the organisation, on its own territory, of the artistic, cultural and scientific exhibitions, conferences, concerts, theatrical performances, cinematographic projections of educational value and sports competitions.

*Article X*

The Contracting Parties shall encourage exchange of groups of youth and sports groups and groups of journalists between the two

countries and will facilitate their stay and movements in their respective traffic territories.

*Article XI*

Each Contracting Party shall, so far as it lies within its power, ensure that the text books prescribed for teaching institutions, do not contain any errors or mis-representation about the other country.

*Article XII*

The Contracting Parties shall facilitate collaboration between the organisations and institutions engaged in promotion of tourism in the two countries, in accordance with their respective laws and regulations.

*Article XIII*

For the implementation of the present Agreement a Joint Committee is established consisting of representatives of the concerned Ministerial Departments or any other person of the two countries duly appointed.

This Committee shall be charged with studying and proposing for the consideration of the Contracting Parties measures considered suitable for the implementation of the present Agreement.

It shall meet alternatively in Zaire and India whenever necessary at the request of either Contracting Party.

*Article XIV*

The present Agreement shall come into force on the date of exchange of the Instruments of Ratification.

It shall remain in force for a period of three years, renewable for the same duration by tacit agreement.

It can be terminated by either of the Contracting Party six months before the expiry of the normal validity.

Provided however that the termination of this Agreement shall not effect the rights of the beneficiaries under the Agreement, which they shall continue to enjoy till the end of the Calendar year in which the termination takes place, or the rights of the scholarship holders, which they shall continue to enjoy till the end of the academic year in which the termination takes place.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned plenipotentiaries being duly authorised thereto by their respective Governments have signed the

Agreement in six originals of which two in Hindi, two in French and two in English languages, each text being equally authentic.

DONE at Kinshasa on 13th day of Asadha 1900 (Saka Era) corresponding to 4th day of July, 1978.

For the Government of the  
Republic of India

For the Executive Council of the  
Republic of Zaire

*Sd/-*

PLACIDO PIEDADE DESOUZA  
Ambassador of India to Zaire

*Sd/-*

ASAL BOLUMBA IDZUMBUIR  
Secretary of State  
Department of Foreign  
Affairs and International  
Cooperation

---