

**PROTOCOL¹ BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF
INDIA AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE
SYRIAN ARAB REPUBLIC ON
COOPERATION IN THE FIELD
OF RADIO BROADCASTING
AND TELEVISION
Damascus, 4 August 1979**

The Akashwani and Doordarshan of the Republic of INDIA

AND

The General Organisation for Broadcasting and Television of the
SYRIAN ARAB REPUBLIC,

DESIROUS of developing and consolidating the expanding
cooperation between the two countries in the sphere of radio
broadcasting and television under the Cultural Agreement² signed
between the Government of the Republic of India and the Government
of the Syrian Arab Republic in November 1975,

HAVE AGREED on the following :

Article I

The two sides agree to cooperate with each other in the sphere
of radio broadcasting through exchange of :

- (i) radio materials depicting various aspects of development in the
social, economic, scientific and cultural fields in the respective
countries. The exchange of programmes shall be made in the form
of tape recordings and scripts and will comprise of music
programmes, mixed-spoken music programmes and pure spoken
programmes;
- (ii) radio reportages and radio plays covering the social and cultural
life in the respective country and scripts covering youth activities,

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2. IBTA Vol. 8 Doc. No. 580.

education and scientific aspects;

- (iii) music of all genres either directly or through the respective diplomatic missions;
- (iv) correspondents and reporting teams from one country to the other; and
- (v) technical literature about scientific and technical matters related to sound broadcasting.

Article II

The two sides agree to cooperate with each other in the sphere of television through exchange of :

- (i) documentary, informational and newsreel films, as well as programmes reflecting the political, economic and cultural affairs of both countries;
- (ii) feature, documentary, educational and popular science films;
- (iii) educational programmes for children, youth and adults;
- (iv) programmes of children and youth;
- (v) musical programmes, concerts, folkloric programmes; and
- (vi) full texts and scenarios of plays.

Article III

On the occasion of the National Day of each country, the two sides will exchange special radio/TV programmes devoted to these occasions. The programmes shall be supplied by one side to the other well in advance of the dates of these days and in any case not less than seven days prior to these days. The National Day of India would be the 26th of January (Republic Day) and the National Day of Syria would be the 17th of April.

Article IV

The two sides will regularly exchange catalogues of films and lists of radio and TV materials intended for exchange.

Article V

The two sides will exchange professional personnel on short term assignments to prepare features, discuss problems of mutual interests, exchange experience and participate in related activities as may be mutually agreed upon by the two sides in advance, through the exchange of correspondence.

Article VI

Each side will receive, within its possibilities and at the request of the other side, members of the staff of the latter for training in respect of radio.

The number of personnel/staff members as well as the length of stay in the receiving country (under Articles V and VI) shall be mutually agreed upon by the two sides. The sending side will bear the expenditure on international travel and the receiving side will bear the expenditure on boarding, lodging and local transport.

Article VII

The two sides will facilitate the work of the correspondents and reporting TV teams of the other side.

Article VIII

The exchange of programmes/materials between the two sides will be on a no-charge basis through offers and preliminary arrangements at the request of either side.

Materials sent will be accompanied by their text in the English language. The sending side will bear the expenditure on the delivery of the said materials.

Article IX

Each side may purchase selected programmes/material from the other on the basis of a separate purchase contract to be negotiated and signed by the two sides.

Article X

Materials exchanged in accordance with this Protocol will be used at the discretion of the receiving side, but without the right to transfer or sell them to a third party.

Revisions and deletions must not distort the substance of the exchange features.

Article XI

This Protocol will be carried out on the basis of annual exchange programmes concluded between the two sides.

At the end of each year, each side will inform the other side about the implementation of this Protocol for that year and will examine proposals for the exchange programme in the following year.

Article XII

This Protocol shall come into force upon signature and shall be valid for a period of three years. Thereafter it shall be automatically renewed for another three years unless either side gives to the other a notice in writing of its intention to terminate the Protocol three months prior to the expiry of its initial period of validity. Amendments to the Protocol can be done only in writing by mutual consent of the two sides.

DONE at Damascus on the 4th of August 1979, in two originals, each in Arabic and English languages, all the texts being equally authentic, provided that in case of discrepancy, the English text shall prevail.

On behalf of the Akashwani
and Doordarshan of the
Republic of India

On behalf of the General
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T.V. of the Syrian Arab Republic

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