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MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF INDIA AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE SULTANATE OF OMAN ON CULTURAL COOPERATION

The Government of the Republic of India and the Government of the Sultanate of Oman, hereinafter referred to as "the Parties",

Desiring to strengthen the relationship in the fields of culture,

HAVE REACHED the following understanding:

- 1. The Parties shall encourage the exchange of visits by the cultural, art and literature delegations and the exchange of knowledge, expertise and information relevant to support the cultural and art programmes.
- 2. The Parties shall promote the cultural relations between the two countries with regard to heritage, including archaeology, museums, and conservation of the ancient monuments. The Parties shall encourage the exchange of expertise, visits and publications between the cultural institutions, establishments and authorities of the two countries.
- 3. The Parties shall exchange copies of documents and manuscripts relevant to the history of both countries and shall make efforts to obtain documents and manuscripts abroad that are related to the history of their countries.
- 4. The Parties shall encourage the exchange of visits by arts delegations in the field of music, theatre and folklore and learn about the other party's experience in this context.

- 5. The Parties shall encourage the exchange of visits by writers and literateurs and their participation in cultural seasons. They shall also promote the exchange of expertise in the field of scientific clubs and literature.
- 6. The Parties shall encourage the cultural and art weeks under which the fine arts and photography exhibitions in each other's country may be held. The Parties will encourage the participation in the international book fairs to be held in each other's country.
- 7. The Parties shall exchange experiences in renovation, bibliography, documentation and categorization in order to maintain any kind of manuscripts or documents that have a historical importance.
- 8. The Parties shall exchange publications in the field of literature, culture and periodicals, apart from cooperating in the protection of the Intellectual Property Rights.
- 9. The sending party shall bear the travelling expenses of its visiting officials, while the hosting party shall provide and bear accommodation, catering and transportation expenses of the visiting officials as well as halls and places where activities will be held.
- 10. This Memorandum shall come into force on the date it is signed by the Parties. It shall remain in force for a period of five years and shall be renewed automatically thereafter for successive periods of five years unless one Party informs the other in writing of its intention to terminate it, at least three months before the term expires.

In witness whereof, the Parties through their authorized representatives have signed this Memorandum of Understanding.

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