MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING IN THE FIELD OF SPORTS

BETWEEN

MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS, REPUBLIC OF INDIA

AND

THE FRENCH MINISTER OF URBAN RESOURCES, YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS

The Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports of the Republic of India and the Minister of Urban Resources, Youth Affairs and Sports of the Republic of France hereby designated as the Parties';

Taking into account the terms of the Agreement on cultural, scientific and technical cooperation between the Government of the Republic of France and the Government of India signed on 7th June 1966;

Acknowledging the role of bilateral sports cooperation as a factor reinforcing the ties of friendship and of mutual enhancement;

Reiterating their common desire to contribute to the building of a better and more peaceful world, of favouring the practise of sports by men and women, such as the education of the youth through the practise of an indiscriminate sport in a spirit of mutual understanding, of solidarity and of fair-play;

Having stated their wish of pursuing different forms of cooperation in the fields of sports, agree as follows:

Article 1. Fields of cooperation

The parties undertake to maintain and develop their sports cooperation within the frame of their respective skills, through the exchange of experiences with priority in the following fields:

- sports medicine;
- institutional cooperation;
- development of the practice of sports in the context of proximity sports;
- support of the participation of women in sports;
- development the practice of sports by the disabled;
- management and the coordination of the players in the sports world and mainly of sports federations;
- assistance in the organisation and the structuring of sports federations;
- exchanges on centres of excellence of sports;
- exchange of expertise in high level sports;
- training of executives;
- science and technology applied to sports;
- prevention and fight against doping
- prevention and fight against violence;
- protection and social inclusion of young sports people;
- management of sports facilities;
- assistance in computerised management of sports installations;

- exchanges on sports schools, examining the different ways and possibilities to create a National Institute of Sports in India based on the French model of INSEP (national institute of sport expertise and performance);
- sports patronage and sponsorship;
- organisation of sports events;
- exchange of expertise in the context of the management and control of sports betting and manipulation of competitions;

Article 2. Forms of cooperation

The cooperation between the Parties is implemented as follows:

- exchange of information and experiences
- exchange of publications and research
- organisation of workshops and participation in training camps;
- joint organisation of seminars and conferences and all other initiative of mutual interest;

Article 3. Financing of the exchanges

Taking into account the annual available funds of the Parties, the exchanges envisaged in the present convention is executed as per the following financial conditions:

- the costs of international transport, to and fro, from the international airport the closest to the location of the workshop, of training or of reception, are borne by the organisation of origin,
- the costs of living, of lodging, of eating and on internal transportation are borne by the host organisation.

Article 4. Programming the exchanges

The cooperation defined in the present convention is applied in the form of programs approved every year or every two years by the Parties during the last trimester of each year or every two years, in the context of the organisation of international Olympic and non-Olympic meetings. This programming is preceded by an evaluation of the actions carried out during meetings that takes place alternately in France and in India.

Article 5. Dispute resolution

Any dispute concerning the interpretation or application of this Convention shall be settled amicably through direct and negotiable between parties.

Article 6. Coming into force

The present convention comes into force from the date of signature, for a period two (2) years and will be renewable by tacit consent for a new period of two (2) years.

The present convention can be terminated at any moment when one of the concerned Parties expresses this wish by means of a written declaration to the other Party through diplomatic channels. This termination shall come into effect six (6) months after receipt of such declaration.

Technical cooperation implemented in the framework of the Convention shall nevertheless continue unless both parties agree to a mutual agreement to end it.

Article 7. Changes

The present convention can be changed at any given moment through mutual written agreement of the Parties, both texts being equally authentic.

Signed at Paris on 9 April, 2015 in duplicate, in Hindi, French and English.

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