

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

BETWEEN

**THE FOREIGN SERVICE INSTITUTE, MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS,
GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF INDIA**

AND

**FOREIGN SERVICE INSTITUTE OF MALDIVES, MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS,
GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF MALDIVES**

The Foreign Service Institute, Ministry of External Affairs, Government of the Republic of India and the Foreign Service Institute of Maldives, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Government of the Republic of Maldives (hereinafter referred to as "the Parties") in the spirit of cooperation that has traditionally existed between the two countries have reached the following understanding:

Article 1

The Parties shall cooperate in mutually beneficial areas of activity, which inter alia may include:

- a) Exchange of information of structure and content of training programmes for diplomats
- b) Identification of experts in mutually agreed areas;

Article 2

The Parties shall promote contacts and exchange of trainees, students, faculty members and experts.

Article 3

The Parties will decide the specifics and logistics of every project they undertake together. For this purpose, a protocol laying down the financial terms and conditions of the proposed exchanges herein, shall be separately concluded between the Parties. Upon conclusion of such, the terms agreed thereof, shall become an integral part of this Memorandum of Understanding.

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Article 4

This Memorandum shall enter into force on the date of its signature and shall remain in force for a period of two years. Thereafter, it may automatically be renewed for similar two-year periods at a time, unless terminated by either Party by giving a written notice of 90 days to the other Party prior to the termination of the current period of validity. Notwithstanding the foregoing, both Parties agree, to allow uninterrupted continuation and effective completion of all activities or programs in effect prior to or at the time of the issuance of such notice of termination.

Article 5

Any differences and disputes that may arise from the interpretation or implementation of the present Memorandum of Understanding shall be settled amicably through direct mutual consultations between the Participants.

This Memorandum of Understanding shall be subject to amendment only by mutual written consent of both Parties.

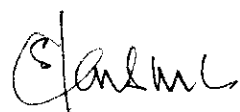
The Parties agree that this Memorandum of Understanding does not create any legally binding obligations or duties of either Party, under international law or in their own State jurisdictions. However, the Parties agree that they will, in good faith, uphold the terms of this Memorandum of Understanding, and always accord due respect to the general principles of international law, in fulfilling their respective commitments provided hereunder, and further, will ensure that this Memorandum of Understanding be implemented in accordance with the laws, rules, regulations and national policies from time to time in force in the respective territory of each.

In witness whereof, the undersigned being duly authorized thereto by their respective Governments, have signed this Memorandum and affixed their seals.

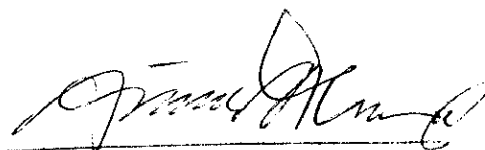
Signed at Malé on this Eleventh day of October 2015 in two originals each in English, both texts being equally authentic.

On behalf of Foreign Service Institute
Ministry of External Affairs
Government of the Republic of India

On behalf of Foreign Service Institute
of Maldives, Ministry of Foreign Affairs
Government of the Republic of Maldives



(Dr. S. Jaishankar)
Foreign Secretary



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