# MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING ON COOPERATION BETWEEN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS OF REPUBLIC OF INDIA AND INTERNATIONAL DEPARTMENT OF CENTRAL COMMITTEE

OF COMMUNIST PARTY OF CHINA

Memorandum of Understanding on Cooperation between the Ministry of External Affairs of Republic of India and International Department of Central Committee of Communist Party of China

The Ministry of External Affairs of the Republic of India and the International Department of the Central Committee of Communist Party of China (hereinafter referred to as the "Parties")

**RECALLING** the Strategic Cooperative Partnership for Peace and Prosperity between India and China,

**FURTHER RECALLING** the fruitful exchanges that have taken place so far through cooperation between the Parties,

**DESIRING** to further develop and strengthen cooperation between India and China,

Have reached the following understanding:

### **ARTICLE I**

The Parties shall send at least three delegations respectively to each other's country every year. The composition of the delegations shall be governed by Articles II and III and agreed upon by the Parties through consultations.

# **ARTICLE II**

From the Indian side, the delegations may be headed by Chief Ministers of States of the Republic of India and other leaders as may be considered appropriate.

## **ARTICLE III**

From the Chinese side, the delegations may be headed by leaders of the CPC Central Committee, Provincial or Ministerial leaders and other leaders as may be considered appropriate.

# **ARTICLE IV**

The arrangements for the delegations mentioned in Articles II and III will be as follows:

- (a) The Party hosting a visiting delegation (hereinafter referred to as "delegation") shall provide for accommodation and transportation (including domestic inter-city transportation) for six members of the delegation in the host country for up to five days;
- (b) The host Party shall provide necessary assistance to facilitate the delegation's meetings, protocol, security and other relevant arrangements due for the delegation.

- (c) The host Party will, as far as practicable, make arrangements for the visiting delegation to travel to at least one more city besides the capital, as mutually agreed by both the Parties;
- (d) The Party sending the delegation shall cover expenses for international airfare for the entire delegation;
- (e) Any relevant issue not yet covered in this MOU shall be resolved by the Parties through friendly consultations.

### **ARTICLE V**

The Parties shall jointly review the implementation of this MoU every year. Scheduled delegations may be postponed till the following year. Any exceptional situation shall be handled by the Parties through consultation.

### **ARTICLE VI**

This Memorandum of Understanding shall come into effect from the day of its signature and shall be valid for a period of five (5) years. This Memorandum of Understanding shall be automatically extended for further successive periods of five (5) years at a time, unless either of the Parties notifies the other not less than three (3) months in advance of its intention to terminate it.

Signed at Beijing on 15 May 2015 in two originals, each in Hindi, Chinese and English languages. All texts versions being equally authentic. In case of divergence in interpretation, the English text shall prevail.

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**Ministry of External Affairs** 

The Republic of India

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