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MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF INDIA
AND
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF AFGHANISTAN
FOR COOPERATION IN THE FIELD OF AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH
AND EDUCATION

The Government of the Republic of India and the Government of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan, (hereinafter referred to as the Parties);

Desirous of further developing and strengthening friendly relations between the two countries;

Wishing to encourage technical cooperation between the two countries for development of the agricultural sector;

Have reached the following understanding:

ARTICLE-I

The Parties agree, in accordance with their respective national legislations, to encourage and develop technical cooperation between the two countries in the agricultural sector.

The implementing agency on behalf of the Government of the Republic of India will be the Department of Agricultural Research and Education, Ministry of Agriculture and on behalf of the Government of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan the implementing agency shall be the Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock.

ARTICLE-II

The areas of collaboration may include, but are not limited to : agricultural research in Horticulture, Crop Science, Fisheries, Animal Science, Agricultural

Extension, Agricultural Education, Agricultural Engg., and Natural Resource Management.

ARTICLE-III

The cooperation between the Parties will be implemented through:

- (a) exchange of scientists and technologists on study visits, training and consultancies,
- (b) exchange of germplasm and breeding material,
- (c) exchange of scientific literature, information and methodology.

ARTICLE-IV

This Memorandum of Understanding will be implemented through the development of biennial Work Plans, to be developed jointly, which describe specifically the activities to be carried out under this cooperative programme and which set forth the intended contributions of each party. These Work Plans may be initiated by either party but will require the approval of both parties for implementation.

ARTICLE-V

Research findings under the Memorandum of Understanding shall be published upon mutual agreement between the parties. The publications may be joint or separate as determined by the Parties in each specific case, except in the case of annual reports. In the event of the parties failing to agree on the method of publications, either party shall be entitled to publish the findings separately after submitting the proposed manuscript to the other party and considering any comments and suggestions that may be offered by the latter. IPR benefits accruing from the Work Plan, will be joint and on equal terms.

ARTICLE-VI

The entire expenditure towards exchange of scientists and technologists on study visits, training and consultancies will be borne by Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India as per the ITEC norms.

ARTICLE-VII

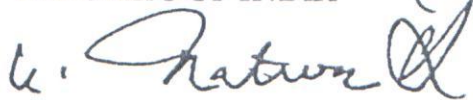
The parties to this Memorandum of Understanding may, by mutual consent, add, modify, amend or delete any provisions of this Memorandum of Understanding.

ARTICLE-VIII

This Memorandum of Understanding shall be effective from the date of its signing by both the parties and it shall remain in force, until either party serves notice on the other of its intention to terminate it. In which event, the Memorandum of Understanding shall stand terminated at the end of one calendar month from the date of issue of such a notice. But the termination of this Memorandum of Understanding shall not affect the validity or duration of specific collaborative programmes already being undertaken thereunder, unless decided otherwise by the parties by mutual consent.

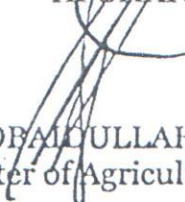
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned duly authorized thereto by their respective Government have signed this MoU at Kabul on this 28th day of August, 2005 in two originals each in Hindi, Dari & English languages, all the texts being equally authentic but, in the event of any doubt, the English text shall prevail.

FOR GOVERNMENT
OF THE
REPUBLIC OF INDIA



(K. NATWAR SINGH)
External Affairs Minister

FOR GOVERNMENT OF THE
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AFGHANISTAN



(OBAIDULLAH RAMEEN)
Minister of Agriculture & Livestock