

**Memorandum of Understanding**

ON

**INDO-DENMARK NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY COOPERATION**

BETWEEN

**The Ministry of New and Renewable Energy, Government of the Republic of  
India**

AND

**The Ministry of Climate and Energy, Government of the Kingdom of Denmark  
(Hereinafter called the Parties)**

Having identified new and renewable energy as a common area of interest.

Desiring to establish New and Renewable Energy Cooperation between Danish and Indian entities with the aim of developing new and renewable energy technologies.

Have reached the following understanding:

**WORKING GROUP**

In order to coordinate the above-mentioned activities and decide upon project proposals related to design and development of various new and renewable energy technologies, the Parties intend to establish a "Joint Committee" with the objectives of:

- Identifying areas of mutual interest and cooperation for development of new and renewable energy technologies, systems, sub-systems, devices, components, etc.
- Monitoring and evaluating cooperation activities

The parties will designate one main representative each to the Joint Committee. For the aforesaid activities, the Joint Committee shall to the extent possible conduct its work through electronic communication, but meet alternately in India and Denmark, when this is deemed necessary.

The Joint Committee can co-opt other members from scientific institutions, research centres, universities or any other entity, as and when considered essential.

The present Memorandum of Understanding can be amended by the Parties through mutual consultation. The amendments shall be enclosed with the present Memorandum of Understanding and shall form an integral part of it thereof.

### ENTRY INTO FORCE, DURATION AND TERMINATION

The Memorandum of Understanding will enter into force on the date of signing and shall remain in force unless revoked by the consent of the parties.

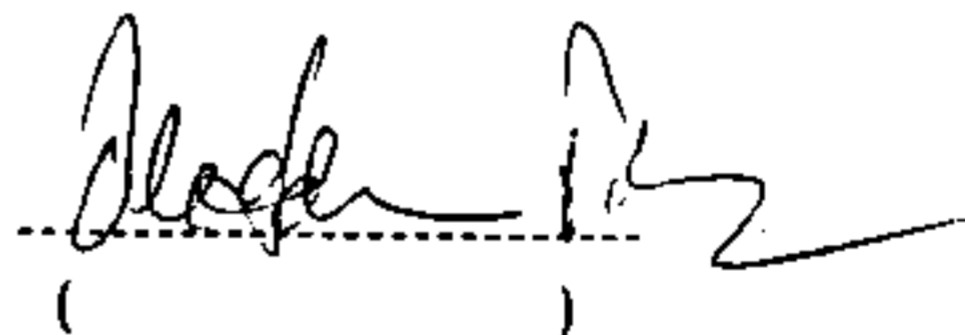
Either of the Parties may terminate the present Memorandum of Understanding by giving the other party a written notice, ninety days in advance of its decision to terminate this Memorandum of Understanding. Termination will not affect activities covered by a collaborative contract between the executive agencies and already underway at the time of termination.

The undersigned being duly authorized thereto have signed this Memorandum of understanding.

Signed at New Delhi on 6th of February 2008 in two originals each in English and Hindi language, both texts being equally authentic. In case of any divergence in interpretation, the English text shall prevail.



Gauri Singh  
Joint Secretary  
(For the Ministry of New and Renewable  
Energy of the Republic of India)



Ambassador  
(For the Ministry of Climate and  
Energy of the Kingdom of Denmark)

**AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF INDIA  
AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE KINGDOM OF DENMARK REGARDING  
THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A JOINT COMMISSION FOR COOPERATION**

The Government of the Republic of India and the Government of the Kingdom of Denmark (referred to as "the Parties")

- Recognizing the strong cooperation that already exists between India and Denmark and the shared wish to further expand and diversify this cooperation
- Desiring to strengthen the ties between our two nations and the friendly relations between the Indian and the Danish peoples
- Determined to facilitate mutually beneficial cooperation between India and Denmark in areas of common interest
- Working on the basis of shared democratic values and a commitment to furtherance of human rights, fundamental freedoms and the rule of law and a shared vision of peace and security
- Hereby agree on the following:

**Article 1: Establishment of a Joint Commission**

An Indo-Danish Joint Commission will be established to provide impetus to and develop the deepening and strengthening of ties between India and Denmark in all fields of mutual interest. They include the political, economic commercial, scientific, research and technological, energy, environmental, consular, educational and cultural fields, as well as any other fields the Parties may consider appropriate. Within its areas of competence, the Commission may submit mutually agreed recommendations or proposals to the respective Governments.

**Article 2: Composition of the Joint Commission**

The Minister for (of) External Affairs of India and the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Denmark, or their nominees, will be co-chairs for the Joint Commission, with the assistance of experts from the public or private sector as appropriate.

### **Article 3: Objectives**

The tasks of the Joint Commission may include more specifically:

- a) Political field: Exchanges of views and where deemed appropriate concrete Cooperation on bilateral and international issues of mutual interest, such as the fight against terrorism, regional and multilateral issues, democracy and human rights, security policy, development policy and the fight against illegal migration, including human trafficking and readmission issues. Consultations between the Ministry of External Affairs of India and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Denmark will take place as previously.
- b) Economic and Commercial field: Enhanced cooperation with the aim of stimulating trade and investments between India and Denmark, while taking into consideration the international obligations of both Parties. Such cooperation may include: Initiatives to enhance bilateral trade and investment, including in knowledge-based industries; encourage close cooperation between the private sectors in the two countries, for instance by promoting links between business organizations and joint ventures; cooperation on maritime transport; increased dialogue on international trade and investments issues; increased dialogue on bilateral and global economic and financial issues and strengthening of cooperation in this field.
- c) Science and Technology: Strengthening the scientific and technological cooperation to increase capabilities on both sides and take advantage of commercial opportunities between the Parties, as also foreseen in the Memorandum of Understanding for Cooperation in the field of Biotechnology. Specific cooperation may include: Forming of partnerships, exchange of scientific information; encourage links and networks between scientists and between research institutions; cooperation on R&D activities, for instance joint execution of scientific research and development projects; exchange visits by scientists; training programmes; joint seminars and workshops. Priority areas for bilateral cooperation are: biotechnology, information technology, telecommunications and nanotechnology as well as the commercial applications of high technology like bio-and nanotechnology, agriculture and agro-industry and health research.
- d) Environment: Promoting cooperation on environment, for instance through: Launching of common research projects; knowledge sharing through technology transfer and capacity building. Specific cooperation areas may include: Sustainable management of natural resources;

environmental science, environment management and protection, natural resources management, biological diversity etc.

- e) Energy: Promoting cooperation on energy and climate change, for instance through: Launching of common research projects; knowledge sharing through technology transfer and capacity building including for energy planning and energy efficiency. Specific cooperation areas may include: Sustainable management of natural resources; alternative and clean energy technologies, energy efficiency, natural resources management, mitigation of and adaptation to climate change, the Clean Development Mechanism, sustainable development and sustainable security energy etc.
- f) Education and Culture: Recommend priorities and programmes to facilitate interchange in the education, information and cultural fields. Initiatives may include: Forming of networks and long term partnerships between leading Indian and Danish academic and research centers; increased exchange of scientists in higher education; more scholarships; distance/virtual learning projects and networks; cooperation on preservation of cultural heritage; strengthening of cultural linkages across the cultural spectrum, covering for instance museums/libraries, fine arts and performing arts as well as sports.

#### **Article 4: Functions**

- a) The Joint Commission may appoint sub-committees or ad hoc working groups within specific cooperation areas. The Joint Commission will determine the tasks and terms of reference of the working groups.
- b) The Joint Commission will meet regularly, at a time to be decided through diplomatic channels. The location will be alternating between India and Denmark.

#### **Article 5: Decisions and Procedures**

- a) An agenda is to be agreed upon prior to each meeting
- b) The Joint Commission will determine its working procedures, with due regard to the provisions of this Agreement
- c) All procedural and administrative matters that are not provided for herein will be determined by the Joint Commission upon consent of the Parties.

#### Article 6: Expenses

Any administrative expenses related to meetings of the Joint Commission and/ or its ad-hoc working groups will be borne by the country in which the meeting is held. Each Party will bear the expenses of its own participation in meetings of the Joint Commission and its ad-hoc working groups.

#### Article 7: Final Clauses

- a) The Agreement shall enter into force upon signature. It shall continue to be in force, unless either Party terminates the Agreement by giving six months prior notice in writing. The termination of the Agreement shall not affect the completion of any project undertaken in terms of this Agreement prior to its termination, unless the parties agree otherwise.
- b) The Agreement may be amended by mutual consent.
- c) Any difference between the Parties shall be settled through mutual consultation and negotiation.
- d) When the Agreement enters into force, the "Protocol on Consultations between the Ministry of External Affairs of India and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Denmark", signed in New Delhi on 6 September 1995, is no longer valid.

For the Government of  
the Republic of India



For the Government of the  
Kingdom of Denmark



Place: New Delhi.

Dated.....6. February 2008