

**AGREEMENT FOR MUTUAL COOPERATION
BETWEEN
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF
BANGLADESH
AND
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNION OF MYANMAR
FOR
PREVENTING ILLICIT
TRAFFICKING IN NARCOTIC DRUGS,
PSYCHOTROPIC SUBSTANCES AND CONTROLLED
PRECURSORS**

The Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh and the Government of the Union of Myanmar (hereinafter referred to as the Contracting Parties):-

Considering that the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs of 1953, and the UN Convention against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances, 1988, form the basis for national and international drug control;

Recognising that the Comprehensive Multidisciplinary Outline of Future Activities in Drug Abuse Control adopted at the International Conference on Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking in 1987, the Political Declaration and the Global Action on Drug Abuse adopted by the General Assembly of the United Nations at its seventeenth special session, 20-23 February 1990, and the Political Declaration adopted by the Ministerial Summit to Reduce Demand for Drugs and to Combat the Cocaine Threat, held in London, 9-11 April 1990, serve as useful guidelines to fight against drug abuse problems;

Affirming their commitment to the Declaration adopted by the International Conference on Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking in 1987 as an expression of the political will of the nations to combat the drug menace;

Sharing a deep concern over the illicit cultivation, production, processing and trafficking in illicit drugs;

Aware of the need for more comprehensive, integrated and collaborative approach to the control of supply and demand of all drugs of abuse among all countries and areas in the region, in close cooperation with relevant organisations of the United Nations and other regional and international bodies;

Reaffirming their joint determination to fight against drug abuse and illicit trafficking in strict conformity with international law, and respect for the sovereignty and territorial integrity of States and for the principle of non-interference in the internal affairs of States;

Taking into consideration the constitutional, legal and administrative systems obtaining in either country;
Hereby agreed as follow:-

ARTICLE-I

The Contracting Parties agree to use their best efforts, consistent with their national laws and narcotics control situations, to take appropriate action, where applicable, to cooperate in measures on the following:-

- (a) For exchange of information of operational, technical and general nature between the nodal enforcement agencies of the People's Republic of Bangladesh and the Union of Myanmar;
- (b) To assist one another upon request in operational matters, including employing such investigative techniques as may be necessary;
- (c) To identify and destroy illegal drug processing sites and laboratories and to identify and eradicate illicit cultivation of cannabis and opium poppy wherever found;
- (d) To regulate and monitor the production, importation, exportation, storage, distribution and sale of precursors, essential chemicals and solvents which may be used in illicit manufacturing and production of narcotic drugs;
- (e) To reduce demand through prevention, treatment and public awareness activities.

ARTICLE - II

In furtherance of the objectives of this undertaking subject to their national laws, the Contracting Parties agree to:-

- (a) exchange literature on existing laws, rules, procedures etc. concerning drug abuse control and on amendments which may take place in the existing laws in future;
- (b) combat drug trafficking, prevent money laundering and cooperate in tracing, identification, freezing seizure and forfeiture of properties derived from or used in illicit traffic, following exchange of information.

ARTICLE - III

The Contracting Parties agree for designation of agencies and officers through whom regular exchange of information may be effected. In respect of the People's Republic of Bangladesh, the nodal agency would be the Department of Narcotics Control and in respect of the Union of Myanmar, the nodal agency

would be the Central Committee for Drug Abuse Control. A list of postal address, telephone, telex/ fax numbers of the nodal agencies and the contact officers is appended to this agreement as Appendix-1.

The Contracting Parties also agree that the heads of nodal agencies of the two countries shall have periodical meetings at/ on mutually convenient place, dates and at places as may be decided on operational reasons. The two sides may include field level officers in their respective teams to facilitate and promote field level contact and cooperation.

ARTICLE - IV

The Contracting Parties agree that the exchange of information shall be channelised through the nodal agencies specified above, and after gaining some experience, this may be extended to regional and field levels, if considered necessary. The nature of intelligence/ information which may be exchanged between the two countries would be of two types:-

- (a) Operational intelligence which may be communicated through the fastest means of communication, viz. telephone and telex/ fax;
- (b) Information of a detailed nature which would be communicated through correspondence in order to build up dossiers in respect of smugglers, suspects, financiers, organisers, etc.

On the issue of exchange of information on drug traffickers operating between the two countries, it is agreed that the normal exchange would take place in the formats as at Appendices II and III. While the normal mode of exchange of information and operational intelligence on matters relating to drug trafficking would be in the prescribed format, any other information of significance may be exchanged on any other format on 'as and when necessary' basis.

ARTICLE - V

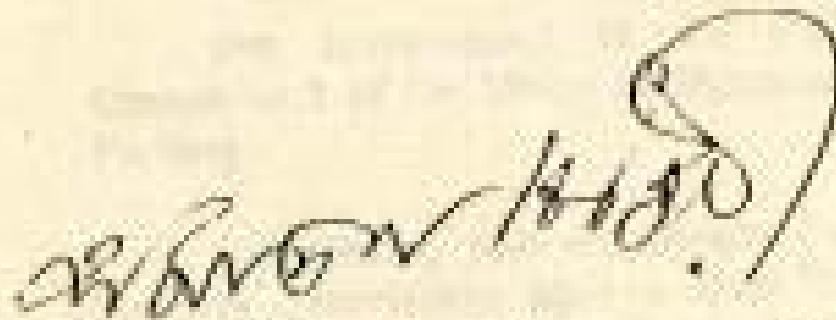
For the purposes of this agreement, drugs are understood to be the substances that are scheduled or described in the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs 1954 as amended by the protocol of 1972 and Convention on Psychotropic Substances 1971 and precursors, essential chemicals and solvents are those substances included in the Tables appended to Article 12 of the UN Convention Against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances 1988 or any other substances as mutually agreed to as such substance.

This Agreement will enter into force upon signature and will remain in force until terminated by either Party by giving at least three months notice in writing.

~~Done at Yangon on this First day of December, One Thousand Nine Hundred and Ninety Four,~~ in two originals each in the Myanmar, Bangladesh and English languages, all texts being equally authentic. In case of doubt, however, the English text shall prevail.

For the Government of
the People's Republic of Bangladesh

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