

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN
THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
OF THE REPUBLIC OF INDIA
AND
THE MINISTRY OF ECONOMY, FINANCE AND INDUSTRY
OF THE REPUBLIC OF FRANCE**

The Ministry of Commerce and Industry of the Republic of India, represented by Mister Ashwani KUMAR, Minister of State for Industry, on the one hand, and the Ministry of Economy, Finance and Industry of the Republic of France, represented by Mister François LOOS, Minister in charge of Industry, on the other hand,

Hereafter called the parties,

Considering:

- The joint statement made by the governments of India and France on 20 February 2006, on the occasion of the visit of the President of the French Republic to India, to introduce a dialogue on the possible areas of cooperation in the field of intellectual property;
- The benefits of closer cooperation in fostering the protection and promotion of intellectual property rights;

Agreed upon what follows:

Article 1

The parties are going to develop a dialogue on the possible areas of cooperation in the field of intellectual property and its implementation that would encompass:

1. Exchange of experiences between India and France in training on intellectual property;
2. Development of appropriate modules and curricula for such trainings;
3. Development of continued institutional cooperation for regular technical exchanges between intellectual property institutes in the two countries;
4. Exchange of information and best practices in automation of intellectual property offices, including developing intellectual property databases and examination procedures of patents, trademarks, designs and geographical indications;

5. Exchange of best practices in spreading awareness about intellectual property among students, industrialists and the civil society;
6. Exchange of information about institutional mechanisms for ironing out problems between right holders and consumers;
7. Joint studies on specific intellectual property issues;
8. Exchange of experience in the area of protection of traditional knowledge;
9. Dialogue related to international issues concerning intellectual property.

Article 2

The Department of industrial policy promotion of the Ministry of Commerce and Industry of India and the National Institute of Intellectual Property of France and are in charge of the application of this memorandum.

Article 3

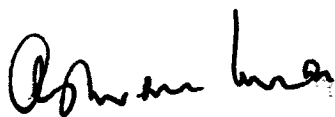
The aforementioned actions will be planned on a yearly basis between the parties mentioned at article 2, and the practical issues related to them examined during a joint committee meeting.

Article 4

The present memorandum will come into effect on the date of its signature. It can be denounced, with previous notice 6 months minimum ahead of time, at any time by one or the other of both parties.

Done in Paris on 15 July 2006, in two original versions in English and French languages, both texts being equally authentic.

**For the Ministry of Commerce and
Industry**



**Ashwani KUMAR
Minister of State for Industry**

**For the Ministry of Economy
Finance and Industry**



**François LOOS
Minister in charge of Industry**