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Joint Declaration for enhanced cooperation on energy between the European Union and the Government of India

1. Recalling the EU-India Strategic Partnership and the Joint Action Plan, adopted in 2005 and reviewed in 2008, setting up the EU-India Energy Panel for dialogue and cooperation on energy issues;
2. Recalling the Joint Work Programme on Energy, Clean Development and Climate Change adopted at the EU-India Summit held in Marseille in 2008;
3. Recalling the 11th EU-India Summit held in Brussels in 2010, whereby the EU and India reaffirmed their commitment to enhanced cooperation in the energy sector;
4. Recalling the first Coordinating Committee meeting of the Agreement for Cooperation between Euratom and the Government of India in the field of fusion energy research, held in Gandhinagar in October 2010, whereby both parties agreed a bilateral work programme in support of ITER;
5. Acknowledging that the EU and India share common objectives as regards enhancing energy security, promoting energy efficiency and energy safety, and the pursuit of sustainable development through, inter alia, the development of clean and renewable energy sources;
6. Recognising that business operators play a significant role in the development of innovative clean and efficient energy technologies and that mutually beneficial activity can be further expanded;
7. Welcoming the EU-India Energy Panel decision, taken on the occasion of its 6th meeting held in New Delhi in November 2011, to extend the dialogue to include regular exchanges on energy security matters, to enhance security of supply and coordination of positions in international organisations and initiatives on energy and to continue deepening cooperation in the energy field, through a series of focused, result-oriented activities;
8. The European Union and the Government of India will work together to improve energy security, safety, sustainability, access and energy technologies and will focus their joint efforts in a number of key energy areas, on the basis of common interest and mutual benefit, inter alia:
 - a. Development and deployment strategies for clean energy production, inter alia clean coal technologies and advanced coal mining,
 - b. Improved energy efficiency of products,
 - c. Improved energy efficiency in the buildings sector,
 - d. Development of smart power grids, including the integration of renewable energy sources,
 - e. Cost-effective ways for the uptake of renewable energy sources as well as research and innovation cooperation on new, clean and renewable energy technologies,
 - f. Energy safety, in particular nuclear safety and off-shore drilling safety,
 - g. Advancing in developing fusion energy as future sustainable energy source.

9. Joint activities, including technical meetings gathering energy experts designated by the European Commission and the Indian Government, vocational training, and participation in relevant events organised in the European Union and in India, will be set up on a regular basis throughout 2012 and onwards, with due involvement and support of both sides. Relevant institutional and government stakeholders on both sides, as well as relevant market actors, such as energy regulators, nuclear safety organisations, business representatives, research institutes and academia, transmission system operators and distribution system operators, will be invited to contribute to these activities, as appropriate. Business to business cooperation (with a specific focus on SMEs) shall be promoted to enhance cooperation in the energy sector through appropriate financial and technical institutions on both sides.
 10. Support from EU funded programmes and initiatives will be explored as well as from other India and EU schemes to promote mutual cooperation. Complementarities with relevant initiatives promoted in India by the EU Member States and International Financial Institutions and other international institutions and fora, as needed, will be sought, in the context of India's priorities and policies, so as to ensure a comprehensive approach with maximum impact. Both sides will discuss the activities to be undertaken under India-EU Joint Work Programme on 'Energy, Clean Development and Climate Change' by various institutions supported under EU funded programmes and initiatives and exchange information on a regular basis at the India-EU Joint Working Group on Environment, the India-EU Energy Panel and the India-EU Sub-Commission on Economic Cooperation, in order to maximise impact.
 11. Progress in the implementation of these activities will be reported to the 2012 EU-India Energy Panel meeting.
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Joint Declaration on research and innovation cooperation

Moving up a gear in our cooperation towards building an "Indo-European Research and Innovation Partnership" with (i) larger scale, scope and impact, (ii) focus on common societal challenges, and (iii) enhanced synergies between India, the EU and its Member States

Considering:

The vibrant and strong cooperation in science and technology between India, the EU and many of its Member States through a rich diversity of ongoing bilateral initiatives, programmes and schemes;

The EU's "Innovation Union" and the Indian "Decade of Innovation" strategies for achieving inclusive, sustainable and affordable innovation, towards finding solutions to growing societal challenges such as climate change, increasingly scarce energy, water, resources, raw materials, demography, security, natural disaster management, sustainable transport and mobility, health and combating diseases and supplying high-quality and affordable food;

The scale and complexity of these challenges which call for increased Indo-European cooperation, pooling and making more effective use of financial and human resources;

The Agreement on scientific and technological cooperation between the European Community and the Government of the Republic of India concluded in 2001 and renewed in 2007, and the annual meetings of the joint steering committee which have sustained the momentum of the cooperation and enabled signing of letters of intent for dedicated partnerships in biotechnology and health research;

The EU-India Joint Action Plan adopted in 2005 which includes a significant research and innovation dimension;

The New Delhi Communiqué issued at the first India-EU Ministerial Science Conference in 2007, which recognized that important windows of opportunity existed for a significant increase in the breadth and depth of EU-India S&T cooperation, in particular through co-investment of resources in joint actions;

The successful implementation since 2007 of regular coordinated calls for proposals between the EU and India in the fields of computational materials science, food and nutrition research, solar energy research and water related challenges, with a total budget of M€60 co-funded by India and the EU, as well as the active participation of Indian research organisations in the EU Research Framework Programmes;

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The Joint Statement issued at the 2010 Conference on India-EU/Member States Partnership for a Strategic Roadmap in Research & Innovation on the occasion of the successful launch of the India-EU/Member States Pilot Initiative towards more coherent and structured approach in S&T cooperation;

The conclusions of the last EU-India Summit in 2010 where both sides welcomed the new dynamic India-EU and Member States research and innovation partnership for more coordinated cooperation.

In this spirit, India and the European Union have come together to declare their resolve to moving up a gear in their research and innovation cooperation, fully exploiting its potential towards finding solutions to common societal challenges, and mobilising Indian and European stakeholders to define a strategic "Indo-European Research and Innovation Partnership" by the end of 2012. The joint stakeholders' conference and ministerial meeting on 31 May and 1 June 2012 in Brussels will be an important milestone in its preparation. This Partnership will include the following elements:

- Increasing the scale, scope and impact of our cooperation through reinforcing EU-India collaborative research activities, promoting networking and synergies between research organisations and ongoing initiatives in areas of common interest using a variety of instruments on a multiannual basis such as coordinated calls, networking and twinning of projects and programmes;
- Increasing focus on innovation with mobilisation of industrial partners in EU-India cooperation, defining policies and measures to create favourable framework conditions (e.g. standards, regulations, public procurement) for the deployment of innovative products and processes focussing in particular on societal challenges of common interest;
- Streamlining the governance of Indo-European cooperation by facilitating the alignment of funding mechanisms, improving the coherence of cooperation rules and principles on issues such as ownership and access right to results of collaborative research, movement of material and equipment across borders, reciprocal access to facilities, conditions of mobility of researchers, improved (simpler and faster procedures) organisation of interactions with stakeholders, and setting up of regular Senior Official meetings involving India, the EU and its Member States to review the state of play and implementation of cooperation;
- Developing EU-India cooperation to define common objectives and coordinate positions in international fora on global issues such as guidelines on sharing of and access to research infrastructures;
- Reinforcing EU-India research and innovation cooperation as a pivotal part of Europe's and India's overall relationships towards the realisation of their broader objectives.

FOR THE REPUBLIC OF INDIA

Dr. Ashwani Kumar, Minister of State for Science & Technology and Earth Sciences and Planning

FOR THE EUROPEAN UNION

Mr. Karel de Gucht, European Commissioner for Trade

**Memorandum of Understanding
between the European Commission (Eurostat) and
the Central Statistics Office (CSO), the Ministry of Statistics
and Programme Implementation, Government of India
on statistical co-operation**

The European Commission (Eurostat), as the Statistical Office of the European Union, hereinafter referred to as "Eurostat", which for the purpose of the signature of the present Memorandum of Understanding is represented by H.E. Mr. João Cravinho, Head of Delegation, Delegation of the European Union to India, of the one part, and The Central Statistics Office, hereinafter referred to as "CSO", an organization under the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation, Government of India, which for the purpose of the signature of the present Memorandum of Understanding is represented by Dr. T. C. A. Anant, Secretary (S&PI), MOSPI, Government of India, of the other part,

Hence forth jointly referred to as Sides,

Noting the importance of bilateral cooperation in the field of statistical methodology and research to generate reliable official statistics about economic and social conditions in respective countries and regions;

taking into account the EU-India Joint Action Plan reviewed by the EU-India Summit at Marseille on 29 September 2008; will cooperate as follows:

A. OBJECTIVES

Through this Memorandum of Understanding, CSO and EUROSTAT express their wish to develop and mutually benefit from their cooperation in the area of statistics.

The objectives of the cooperation are the following:

1. To foster co-ordination and collaboration on the development of official statistics;
2. To create links and to increase exchanges between both sides' statistical services; and
3. To help support best practices;

B. WORKING PRINCIPLES

Cooperation will be based on respect and mutual understanding of the structures, mandates, institutional capacities, and policies of both Sides.

Cooperation intends to foster the efforts to develop and/or strengthen the following areas, inter alia:

- I. Exchange of statistical information through high level contacts, coordination meetings, ad hoc consultations;
- II Harmonization of statistical methodologies and enhancing data comparability;
- III Sharing of knowledge and experience in the areas of statistics, essential for supporting shared strategic priorities;
- IV Foster good practices underlying official statistics;
- V. Facilitate the exchange of statistical data;
- VI. The Sides will organize visits, if required, of managers and statisticians to share expertise and experience.

C RESOURCES

Each Side will bear the financial costs of its participation in the above mentioned activities.

D. REVISION

Any amendment to the present Memorandum of Understanding will be the subject of a written document signed by both Sides.

E. SUSPENSION

Any provision of the present Memorandum of Understanding, or all of them, may be suspended with immediate effect on the basis of a written notification by one Side to the other one, without harming the interest of the latter.

F. CONFIDENTIALITY

Information, documents or data not already in public domain and shared in accordance with this Memorandum of Understanding will not be disclosed or distributed to any third party, except if a written authorization is released by the Side providing it.

In the event of termination of this Memorandum of Understanding, the Sides agree that the above provision will continue to apply to the information, documents and data exchanged under the mentioned Memorandum.

G. DURATION AND TERMINATION

The present Memorandum of Understanding takes effect from the date of signature by the two Sides, and will remain in force for a period of five years. It may be renewed by mutual consent in writing by the Sides at least six months prior to its termination.

The present Memorandum of Understanding may be terminated by either Side by written notice of at least one month. Unless the two Sides disagree, any specific document deriving from this Memorandum which came into effect before its termination will not be affected by such termination.

The suspension and/or the termination of this Memorandum of Understanding will not affect the implementation of ongoing activities or programmes.

H. FINAL PROVISIONS

The two Sides will apply the provisions of this Memorandum of Understanding on a voluntary basis.

The provisions of this Memorandum of Understanding are designated not to create any legal rights or obligations under international law.

Done at New Delhi , on (10th February 2012). Signed in two originals in English language.

FOR THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION (EUROSTAT)

Mr. Joao Cravinho, Head of Delegation, Delegation of the European Union to India

FOR THE CENTRALSTATISTICS OFFICE (CSO)

Dr. T.C.A. Anant, Secretary, Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation