MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE FOREIGN SERVICE INSTITUTE, MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS, REPUBLIC OF INDIA AND

THE DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, PAPUA NEW GUINEA ON COOPERATION IN THE FIELD OF DIPLOMATIC TRAINING

The Foreign Service Institute, Ministry of External Affairs, Republic of India and the Department of Foreign Affairs, Papua New Guinea (hereinafter referred to singularly as the "Participant" and collectively as the "Participants"),

RECOGNIZING the existing friendly ties, and building on the spirit of cooperation that has traditionally existed between the two countries,

DESIRING to strengthen and further develop cooperation between the two countries in the field of diplomatic training and exchanges;

ACKNOWLEDGING the importance of diplomatic training as a tool to enhance people-to-people relations between the two countries;

PURSUANT to the prevailing law and regulations of the Participants; have reached the following understanding:

Article 1

The Participants intend to cooperate in mutually beneficial activities, which may include the following:

- a. Exchange of information of structure and content of training programmes for diplomats;
- b. Identification of experts and training needs in mutually agreed areas:
- c. Exchange of trainees, students, faculty members and experts between the Participants; and
- d. Other activities that the Participants mutually decide to pursue.

Article 2

- 1. The Participants will mutually determine and decide on the dates, venue and the type of training needs of each activity to be jointly pursued.
- 2. The Participants will mutually determine and decide the details of funding and other financial costs associated with the training needs, to be undertaken together. This must be communicated through the appropriate diplomatic channels.

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Article 3

Any disputes that may arise from the interpretation or implementation of the present Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) shall be settled amicably through direct mutual consultations between the Participants.

Article 4

- 1. This MOU shall enter into force on the date of its signature and remain in force for a period of three years. Thereafter, it may be renewed for further three-year periods at a time, unless terminated by either Participant by giving a 90 days written notice to the other Participant of the intention to terminate the MOU before the expiration of its period of validity.
- 2. The termination of this MOU will not affect ongoing projects until such time when the projects are completed or unless mutually decided on by the Participants.

In witness whereof, the undersigned being duly authorized hereto by their respective Governments, have signed this Memorandum and affixed their seals.

Signed at Port Moresby on this 19th day of February 2019 in two originals in English language.

On behalf of the Department of Foreign Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade, Papua New Guinea

Name: H.E. Ms. Barbara Age, Designation: Secretary, Department of Foreign Affairs,

Papua New Guinea

On behalf of the Foreign Service Institute, Ministry of External Affairs, India

H.E. Mr. Vijai Kumar, High Commissioner of India to Papua New Guinea