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**PROTOCOL OF COOPERATION  
BETWEEN  
THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES OF INDIA  
AND  
THE MINISTER OF CULTURE OF THE PORTUGUESE REPUBLIC  
IN THE FIELD OF ARCHIVES**

The National Archives of India and the Minister of Culture of the Portuguese Republic, hereinafter referred to as "Signatories",

Desirous of strengthening the existing cordial relations between both States and to further cooperate in the areas of heritage, historical documentation, records and archives management, within their capabilities, on the basis of equality, mutual respect and benefit;

Recognizing the need for cooperation on preservation of archives and historical documents of the two countries and in keeping with prevailing laws of the respective States,

Decide as follows:

**1. Objectives**

The objective of this Protocol of Cooperation is to establish cooperation between the Signatories in the fields of heritage, historical documentation, records and archives management in accordance with basic principles of archival cooperation.

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## 2. Areas of Cooperation

1. The Protocol between both signatories shall cover the following areas:
  - a) Exchange of information, publication and copies of archives on the relations between both States from the 16<sup>th</sup> to the 20<sup>th</sup> century;
  - b) Exchange of visits of archival experts from both States;
  - c) Reciprocal promotion of the activities in the areas of conservation and restoration of archives;
  - d) Participation of archives professionals from both States in professional meetings, seminars, conferences and workshops;
  - e) Holding of reciprocal exhibitions on history, heritage and cultural links in accordance with a separate arrangement negotiated between the Signatories.
  - f) Other areas of cooperation as mutually decided by both Signatories.

## 3. Intellectual Property

Any result of activities performed under this Protocol shall be subject to the national law concerning the protection of intellectual property rights in the respective States of both Signatories.

## 4. Financing

1. The activities implemented under this Protocol will be financed with funds allocated under the respective budgets of the Signatories' dependent bodies, being subject to the availability of the said funds and subject to the laws governing their organization and structure, as well as to the laws and regulations of each State.
2. Expenses on exhibitions shall be covered in a separate arrangement between the Signatories for that purpose.

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**5. Settlement of Disputes**

Any dispute concerning the interpretation of this Protocol shall be settled through mutual agreement between the Signatories.

**6. Changes**

This Protocol may be changed at any time by mutual written consent of the Signatories.

**7. Entry into effect**

1. This Protocol shall take effect for a period of three years from the date of its signature and may be extended by mutual consent.
2. This Protocol shall cease to be in operation from the date on which either Signatory gives written notice of its intention to terminate, at least six months prior to its expiry date.

Signed in Lisbon, on the 17<sup>th</sup> May 2017, in the Portuguese and English languages, all texts being equally authentic. In case of any divergence of interpretation, the English text shall prevail.

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