

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN
THE MINISTRY OF POWER OF THE REPUBLIC OF INDIA
AND
THE DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
CONCERNING
ENERGY CONSULTATIONS

The Ministry of Power of the Republic of India and the Department of Energy of the United States of America (hereinafter the "Participants"), desirous of conducting bilateral energy consultations, have reached the following understandings:

Article 1

Within the framework of common interest and mutual benefit of both Participants' countries, the Participants have agreed to establish a sub-ministerial working group on energy (the "Group") to conduct energy consultations for the purpose of enhancing the understanding of energy issues and promoting the exchange of information on energy policies, programs and technologies by consultations.

Article 2

The objective of the Group includes consultations:

- A) To discuss current and prospective energy developments in both countries, the Asia region and the world at large;
- B) To facilitate an exchange of information and assessments on energy demand and supply forecasts for the Participants' two countries;
- C) To exchange views on energy and related environmental policies, including global climate change, and to discuss programs of both Participants' countries relating to the exploration, development, management, and environmental concerns of major energy resources, including renewable energy resources, and to the efficient and environmentally responsible transport and use of energy;

- D) To review and exchange information on energy technologies including renewable energy technologies and applied energy research and development;
- E) To identify, initiate, and monitor public and private collaborative projects in research, development, transfer, demonstration and deployment of appropriate technologies and review policies in the areas of clean energy, renewable energy, energy efficiency and power sector reform; and
- F) To explore and expand opportunities for commercial development and cooperation in clean energy.

Article 3

For the purpose of promoting closer contacts and mutually beneficial consultations, the arrangements for the Group's meeting will be as follows:

- A) The Group will consist of senior sub-ministerial officials from both Participants. Other agencies and entities may be invited to participate in the consultations as appropriate.
- B) Each Participant will appoint an official who will make preparations for the Group's meetings and who will have responsibility for maintaining contact between the Participants during the intervals between Group meetings.

Article 4

The work program of the Group should be guided by the following procedures:

- A) The Group's meetings will be held periodically, usually on an annual basis, alternately in the United States and India.
- B) Special meetings may be held if both Participants so decide.
- C) The dates of the meetings will be jointly determined at least one month in advance pursuant to discussions between the Participants.
- D) The Participants will determine in advance the subjects to be discussed at the meetings.

Article 5

- A) The Participants' activities under this Memorandum of Understanding will be conducted in accordance with the laws and regulations under which each Participant operates.

- B) It is understood that the Participants' participation in the activities contemplated by this Memorandum of Understanding is subject to the availability of appropriated funds.

Article 6

The Participants' consultations will not affect existing arrangements in place or under discussion between the U.S. Government and the Government of India organizations, or involving the U.S. Department of Energy and the Ministry of Power.

Article 7

Consultations under this Memorandum of Understanding will cease five (5) years after the date of signature, unless the Participants decide in writing that continued consultations would be beneficial.

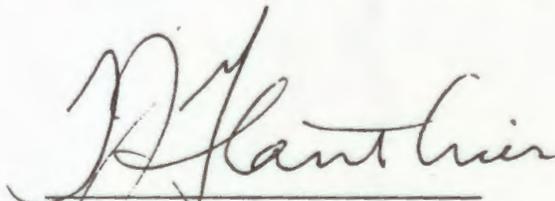
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