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**Memorandum of Understanding
on co-operation on fisheries issues between the Ministry of Agriculture,
Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairying & Fisheries, Government of India and
the Ministry of Fisheries and Coastal Affairs of Norway.**

Recognizing the importance of ensuring the long-term conservation and sustainable use of the living marine resources.

Noting the inter-relationship between biological research, technical and technological knowledge, sanitary and other relevant standards and their importance for the production, marketing and refinement of living marine resources.

Recognising the former and existing cooperation in the areas of wild capture fisheries and aquaculture.

With a view to strengthen, promote and further develop cooperation in these areas, and to provide a basis for discussion and exchange of information on all issues of relevance to fisheries.

The Ministry of Agriculture, Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairying and Fisheries, Government of India and the Ministry of Fisheries and Coastal Affairs of Norway, hereinafter referred to as the Parties, have agreed as follows:

Article 1:

The parties shall cooperate in conformity with the international law and take into due consideration the related laws and regulations of the two parties.

The parties shall aim to promote mutual cooperation and facilitate contact between India and Norway on any matter related to the Fisheries sector.

Article 2:

The parties shall establish a Joint Committee which shall meet annually. The location of meetings and the organizational form and working procedures of the Joint Committee, shall be discussed and agreed at the first meeting of this Committee.

At the annual Joint meetings the parties shall have the opportunity to raise and discuss any bilateral or multilateral issue of relevance to the Fisheries sector.

Article 3:

This Memorandum of Understanding may be amended or supplemented at any time as agreed between the parties.

Article 4:

This Memorandum of Understanding shall enter into force on the date of signature by the parties and shall remain in force unless either party notifies in writing of its intention to terminate the Memorandum of Understanding. Such decision shall enter into effect six months after written notification.

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In witness thereof, this Memorandum of Understanding has been signed by the duly authorized representatives of the two Governments.

DONE at New Delhi on 2nd March, 2010 in two originals each in Hindi, English languages, both texts being equally authentic. In case of any divergence of interpretation, the English text shall prevail.

For Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairying and Fisheries, Ministry of Agriculture, Government; of India

For the Ministry of Fisheries and Coastal Affairs of Norway Government of Norway

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