PROTOCOL ON CO-OPERATION BETWEEN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS OF THE REPUBLIC OF INDIA

AND

THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE REPUBLIC OF SENEGAL

The Ministry of External Affairs of the Republic of India and Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic Senegal (hereinafter referred to as "the Parties")

Endeavoring to contribute to the development of friendly relations and co-operation between both States in the spirit of the Charter of the United Nations,

Taking into account the common interest to institutionalize the interministerial co-operation in the present context of globalization and interdependence of mankind,

Recognizing the importance and benefits of dialogue on issues of common interest at various levels,

Hereinafter agreed as follows:

Article 1

- 1. The Parties shall hold consultations on periodical basis on the development of bilateral relations and on regional and international issues of common interest.
- 2. The Parties shall exchange on regular basis information on relevant international matters, such as peacekeeping operations, globalization, humanitarian assistance, co-operation for development, human rights, regional integration and the restructuring of the multilateral system.

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Article 2

The Ministers of External Affairs/Foreign Affairs and the representatives of the Parties shall maintain mutual periodical contacts as necessary through exchange of visits as well as through meetings during the annual sessions of the United Nations General Assembly and other occasions. The meetings of the experts at various levels should take place at least once a year.

Article 3

Level, date and venue as well as schedule of visits, meetings and consultations shall be determined by common arrangement through diplomatic channels.

Article 4

The Parties shall conduct consultations, if necessary, on important issues contained in the agenda of international conferences in which the two countries participate.

Article 5

The representatives of the two parties to the United Nations and the other international organizations will be instructed to widen and strengthen their relations and co- operation and to conduct consultations on various issues of common interest within the framework of the United Nations.

Article 6

The Ministry of External Affairs of the Republic of India will assist, within the means at its disposal, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Senegal to train its diplomats and other personnel through *inter alia*, invitation to workshops, seminars and research programmes on matters related to international affairs, diplomacy and management.

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Article 7

This Protocol will enter into force on the date of its signature by both parties This Protocol is valid for a period of 5 years, therefore it may be automatically renewed for similar periods, unless terminated by either party after giving 90 days notice in writing to other party.

Done at Dakar, this 26th May of 2005 in two originals in English, and French languages, both texts being equally authentic.

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