

**AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH OF THE
REPUBLIC OF LATVIA AND THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND
FAMILY WELFARE OF THE REPUBLIC OF INDIA ON
COOPERATION IN THE FIELD OF HEALTH CARE AND MEDICAL
SCIENCE**

The Ministry of Health of the Republic of the Latvia and the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare of the Republic of India hereinafter referred to as the "The Parties";

Realizing the necessity of further developing the state of health of the people of the two countries through joint efforts;

Recognizing the importance of cooperation in the field of health care and medical science in the context of bilateral relations;

Have agreed on the following:

Article 1

The Parties shall encourage cooperation in the field of health care and medicine science on the basis of equality, reciprocity and mutual benefit, within the framework of their respective national laws and regulations and taking into account their international obligations.

Article 2

The Parties shall use their best endeavors to promote for mutually beneficial cooperation in the following forms:

1. exchange of information and documentation on health subjects in the field of common interest;
2. exchange of information about new medical technologies and innovations in the field of health, pharmacy, also in sphere of traditional medicine, including ayurveda;

3. exchange of information about general condition of public health, planning and financial systems in health sector;
4. exchange of information concerning the implementation of international guidelines and recommendations issued for the international organizations members of which are the respective countries;
5. exchange of information about pharmaceutical products, their side effects as well as their certification, control and quality assurance;
6. cooperation in the educational training of health personnel (studies, post-graduates educations, professional consultations, etc.);
7. establishing direct cooperation between the medical educational institutions, centers and other related institutions;
8. collaboration to plan joint efforts in case of danger of spreading diseases;
9. encouraging development of business relations in the health care and medical science sector;
10. other forms of cooperation mutually agreed by the Parties.

Article 3

The Parties shall promote organization of educational seminars and trainings, as well as exchange of specialists of related fields taking into consideration the health priorities of each country.

The Parties shall exchange information on conferences, symposia and other international events in the field of health care and medical science of respective country.

Article 4

Each Party shall provide the receiving country with the proposal for the visit in connection with Article 2 and 3, and accompanied by copies of curriculum

vitae of the experts at least 3 (three) months in advance. The receiving country shall convey its answer to the proposal within a reasonable time.

Article 5

This Agreement does not impose any financial commitments to the Parties. The Parties, based on this Agreement, by mutual cooperation can prepare joint projects which can be financed by the Parties and also by other donors. All joint projects under this Agreement will be subject to the availability of funds.

Article 6

A joint working group shall be established to further elaborate the details of cooperation and to oversee the implementation of this Agreement. The joint working group shall be coordinated by the Parties and constituted by representatives from both countries, convened by the Parties when necessary, alternately in Latvia and in India. The joint working group may include corresponding representatives of non-governmental sector and experts as well as representatives of governmental organizations. The composition of the joint working group and venue for its meetings shall be mutually agreed by the Parties.

Article 7

The Ministry of Health of the Republic of the Latvia and the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare of the Republic of India shall be the competent authorities for the implementation of this Agreement.

Article 8

The alterations and amendments to this Agreement shall be made by the mutual consent of the Parties through the protocols, which are an integral part of this Agreement and shall enter into force in accordance with Article 10 of this Agreement.

Article 9

Any dispute arising out of the interpretation or application of this Agreement shall be settled by negotiations and mutual consultation.

Article 10

This agreement shall enter into force on the date of signature and shall remain valid for a period of 5 (five) years. Thereafter, it shall be automatically extended for successive 5 (five) year periods unless one of the Parties gives the other Party written notice to terminate this Agreement 6 (six) months prior to expiration of the respective period.

Signed in Riga, Latvia, on the 28 February of 2012, in two original copies in the Latvian, Hindi and English languages, all texts being equally authentic. In case of divergence of interpretation, the English text shall prevail.

For the Ministry of Health
of the Republic of Latvia

For the Ministry of Health
and Family Welfare of
the Republic of India