

**THE MEMORANDUM ON UNDERSTANDING AND
CO-OPERATION
IN YOUTH AFFAIRS BETWEEN THE GENERAL
SECRETARIAT OF THE PRESIDENT OF BRAZIL OF THE
FEDERATIVE REPUBLIC OF BRAZIL, THE FEDERAL
AGENCY ON YOUTH AFFAIRS OF THE RUSSIAN
FEDERATION, THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND
SPORTS IN THE REPUBLIC OF INDIA, ALL-CHINA YOUTH
FEDERATION OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA, THE
NATIONAL YOUTH DEVELOPMENT AGENCY IN THE REPUBLIC
OF SOUTH AFRICA**

THE PREAMBLE

The General Secretariat of the President of Brazil in the Federative Republic of Brazil, The Federal Agency on Youth Affairs of the Russian Federation, The Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports of the Republic of India, the All-China Youth Federation of the Peoples' Republic of China, The National Youth Development Agency in the Republic of South Africa (hereinafter — BRICS), also called "Parties",

AFFIRMING the comprehensive vision fixed in declarations of BRICS' Summits, including the Declaration, accepted in Fortaleza (Brazil) after the Sixth BRICS Summit in 2014;

INTENDING to strengthen further communication in youth affairs between the five countries for accelerating and sustaining social-economical development;

RECOGNISING the importance of communication based on principles of willing participation, equality, reciprocity and availability of resources aimed at developing co-operation by every country;

HAVE AGREED to the following:

ARTICLE 1

The competent and authorized bodies

The competent and authorized bodies responsible for the implementation of the present Memorandum are the following organizations:

- a) On behalf of the Federative Republic of Brazil — The General Secretariat of the President of Brazil;
- b) On behalf of the Russian Federation — The Federal Agency on Youth Affairs;
- c) On behalf of the Republic of India — The Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports;
- d) On behalf of the People's Republic of China — The All-Chinese Federation of Youth;
- e) On behalf of the Republic of South Africa — The National Youth Development Agency in the Republic of South Africa.

ARTICLE 2

Goals

The main goals of the present Memorandum are:

- a) to promote strengthening of comprehension, cooperation and friendship between youth of BRICS countries;
- b) to encourage humanitarian co-operation of youth of BRICS countries;
- c) to form a framework of co-operation in the field of youth policy between BRICS countries;
- d) to promote development of affiliated relations of BRICS countries with other strategic partners on youth affairs in outreach.
- e) to develop a general approach within other multilaterals international youth affairs.

ARTICLE 3

Areas of communication

The main areas of communication within the present Memorandum include but are not limited to the following areas:

- a) international youth exchanges;
- b) exchange of experience and information in the implementation of the state youth policy;
- c) business, research and innovative activities;
- d) activities on youth co-operation.

ARTICLE 4

Forms of cooperation

The forms of co-operation in youth affairs in the present Memorandum and additional agreements concluded between Parties herein are:

- a) short-term exchange programmes for young leaders, experts and specialists;
- b) organisation of workshops, round tables, forums and conferences of mutual interest in the field of youth policy;
- c) exchange of information in the field of youth policy;
- d) formation and implementation of joint programmes and projects in the field of youth policy;
- e) co-operation of non-profit organizations.

ARTICLE 5

Coordinating bodies

The main bodies which govern co-operation under this Memorandum are:

1. **The BRICS Ministers and Heads of Executive Authorities on Youth Affairs Meeting**
2. **The BRICS Technical Meeting on Youth Affairs**
3. 1. The BRICS Ministers and Heads of Executive Authorities on Youth Affairs Meeting convened by heads of executive authorities (responsible for youth policy) of the Federative Republic of Brazil, the Russian Federation, the Republic of India, the People's Republic of China and the Republic of South Africa every two years and whenever warranted (rotating amongst BRICS member states). The main functions of the BRICS Ministers and Heads of Executive Authorities on Youth Affairs Meeting are the following:
 - a) to promote co-operation in the field of youth policy of BRICS in priority areas referred to in Article (3) of this Memorandum;
 - b) to review the progress of co-operation in the field of youth policy pursuant to this Memorandum, as well as identify new areas of mutual interest;
 - c) to co-operate on youth policy with the working groups and experts of the BRICS countries to ensure effective implementation of this Memorandum;
 - d) to exchange information on the latest developments in the state youth policy, as well as identify common challenges of the BRICS countries in the field of state youth policy.
2. The BRICS Technical Meeting on Youth Affairs includes heads of organizations (or persons holding an equivalent title) of the BRICS countries as heads of delegations, national coordinators of BRICS in the field of youth policy and other related officials in this sphere, as well as representatives of the interested governmental and public organizations:
 - a) to convene meeting of the Technical Meeting on Youth Affairs once a year and whenever warranted (rotating amongst BRICS member states) in the interval between sessions of the Meeting of Ministers and heads of Executive Authorities in the field of youth policy;
 - b) to consider other issues on the agenda that are worthy of attention for BRICS countries;
 - c) to develop an agenda for the meeting of Ministers and heads of Executive Authorities on Youth Affairs;
 - d) to propose recommendations for submission to the Meeting of Ministers and heads of Executive Authorities on Youth Affairs of BRICS countries to enhance the effective implementation of this Memorandum.

ARTICLE 6

Final provisions

1. The present Memorandum is effective for implementation immediately after its signing.
2. This Memorandum may be amended at any time by mutual consent of the Parties in written form.
3. Either Party may notify the other Parties of its intention to terminate the present Memorandum. In this case, termination shall take effect six (6) months after the date of notification and shall not affect the ongoing activities in the framework of cooperation, unless the Parties otherwise agree.
4. The Parties or their authorized organizations may enter into additional agreements regulated by the terms of this Memorandum.
5. The present Memorandum is not an international agreement and does not impose any rights and obligations on the Parties, regulated by international law.

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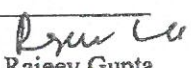
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