

PROTOCOL OF COOPERATION  
BETWEEN  
THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE PORTUGUESE REPUBLIC  
AND  
THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF  
BANGLADESH  
ON DIPLOMATIC TRAINING  
AND THE EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION AND DOCUMENTATION

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Portuguese Republic and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh, hereinafter referred to as "Signatories",

Considering:

1. The mutual interest in establishing and developing cooperation with the view to strengthening the relations between the diplomatic services of both the countries;
2. The necessity of fostering innovation methods in the fields of diplomatic staff training, in order to keep pace with the growing complexity of international relations;
3. The objectives of creating bonds between the Signatories, through the exchange of information and documentation relevant to their *curricula* and the organization of meetings and seminars on matters of common interest.

Have reached the following understanding:

1 Object

- 1.1 This Protocol is intended to establish the terms and conditions under which the signatories intend to develop cooperation projects within their fields of competence.
- 1.2 The disposition of this Protocol will be implemented and promoted by the Diplomatic Institute of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Portuguese Republic and the Foreign Service Academy, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh.

2 Training

- 2.1 The Signatories may organize exchange of lecturers and students in the respective training institutes on topics of common interest and especially relevant to their areas of training.
- 2.2 As regards point 2.1, the Signatory that hosts the lecturers or students and organizes in its territory the seminars or similar events will be responsible for the cost of organization, whilst the other Signatory will be responsible for expenses

related to the accommodation and to the international transportation cost of the participants in accordance with its own national rules.

### 3 Exchange of Information and Documentation

- 3.1 The Signatories may proceed to maintain regular exchange of information & ideas pertaining to their activities, especially the training *curricula* & the organization of seminars, symposia and other similar activities, if any.
- 3.2 The Signatories may proceed to maintain regular exchange of publications and the establishment of partnership between their respective libraries and archives.
- 3.3 The Signatories may promote publication of articles of authors from the both countries on topics related to international affairs.

### 4 Effects

- 4.1 The Protocol will come into effect on the day of its signature and will remain in force for a period of three years, after which it will continue to be automatically renewed for each term of three years.
- 4.2 The present Protocol will cease to be effective when one of the Signatories notifies the other in writing of its intention to cease this Protocol, no later than ninety days prior to the expiry of its validity.

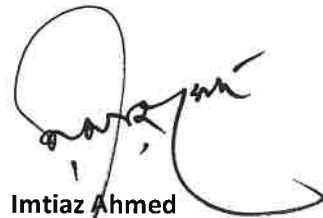
Signed in Lisbon, on 24<sup>th</sup> November 2015, in two originals, in English language.

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