

# MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

between



International Union of Railways  
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Represented by J-P. Loubinoux  
acting as General Director

&



Asian Institute of Transport Development  
13 Palam Marg, Vasant Vihar  
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Represented by K. L. Thapar  
acting as Chairman

The International Union of Railways (UIC) and the Asian Institute of Transport Development agree to enter into this Memorandum of Understanding, with a view to strengthening cooperation and collaboration between the two organisations in the service of their membership and for the larger good of the society.

## **International Union of Railways (UIC)**

The International Union of Railways is an international professional association representing the railway sector with membership across continents. Its mission focuses mainly on:

- Promoting rail transport around the world with the aim to meet current and future challenges of mobility and sustainable development.
- Promoting interoperability, creating new world standards for railways, including common standards with other transport modes.
- Developing and facilitating all forms of international cooperation among members, facilitating the sharing of best practices (benchmarking).
- Supporting members in their efforts to develop new business and new areas of activity.
- Proposing new ways to improve technical and environmental performance of rail transport, boosting competitiveness and reducing costs.

## **Asian Institute of Transport Development (AITD)**

The Asian Institute of Transport Development is an independent, not-for-profit regional organisation devoted to education, training and non-partisan research in infrastructure sector with special focus on transport, trade and logistics. Its principal purpose is to promote balanced, equitable and sustainable development for enhancing overall welfare of the communities.

As a regional body, the Institute provides substantive support to various initiatives in transport sector in the south and south-east Asia region.

The Institute has an ongoing programme of training the railway personnel from the member countries of the region in economic, social and technical aspects of rail infrastructure.

## **1. Implementation of MOU**

Each party designates the following individual and their successors its key contact with overall responsibility for ensuring the implementation of this MOU including responsibility for formulating work plans for activities to be undertaken pursuant to it: (a) Chairman, AITD for AITD, 13 Palam Marg, Vasant Vihar, New Delhi-110057, India, Telephone +91 11 26155309, email [aitd@vsnl.com](mailto:aitd@vsnl.com) (b) the Director General of Services of UIC for UIC the International Union of Railways, 16, rue Jean Rey, 75015 Paris, FRANCE, Telephone + 33 1 44 49 20 10, email [loubinoux@uic.org](mailto:loubinoux@uic.org).

## **2. Areas of Collaboration**

UIC and AITD agree to cooperate with each other, to the extent possible, through undertaking active collaboration in the following specific areas of mutual interest:

- (i) Designing the training courses and organizing the same for the purpose of enhancing the skills of railway personnel in the region.
- (ii) Providing forums for both public and private sectors to share their experiences as well as expertise in the various aspects of the rail sector.
- (iii) Harmonizing national, regional and international issues on transport and related areas.
- (iv) Promoting interoperability and common standards for railways as also integration with other modes of transport.
- (v) Addressing issues of environmental concern that would mitigate the detrimental effects of infrastructural development and operation.
- (vi) Undertaking studies in economic, social and technical aspects of rail infrastructure.
- (vii) Organising regional level workshops and seminars for dissemination of the work done by UIC relevant for meeting the needs of the regional rail systems.

The costs for mutual cooperation activities and participation to meetings will be borne by respective organizations. However, costs for specific activity done on the request of other will be suitably reimbursed.



### 3. Termination of this MOU

This MOU shall terminate 30 days following the delivery of written notice of termination by AITD to UIC or by UIC to AITD.

### 4. Miscellaneous

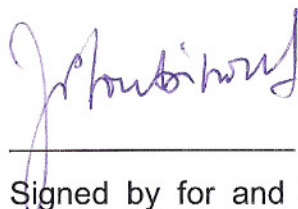
4.1 This MOU creates no legal obligations, rights or liabilities and shall not be assignable by either Party. Further, nothing in this MOU shall be construed as creating a joint venture, an agency relationship, or a legal partnership between the Parties.

4.2 The Parties acknowledge that the names and marks "Asian Institute of Transport Development (AITD)" and all variations thereof including their associated logos and "The International Union of Railways", "UIC" and all variations thereof including their associated logo(s) (collectively, the "UIC Name") are the sole and exclusive properties of AITD and UIC, respectively. Neither Party shall acquire any right, title or interest in the other Party's Name under this MOU.

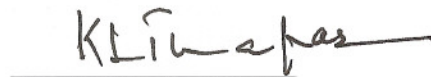
### 5. Disputes

Any disputes arising under or in relation to this MOU shall be resolved by the Director General of Services of UIC and by the Chairman of AITD.

Signed in Paris and New Delhi on 27 July 2012, in two original copies in English, both texts being equally authentic.



Signed by for and on behalf of  
International Union of Railways



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Asian Institute of Transport  
Development