



MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

BETWEEN

THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION (EUROSTAT)

AND

**THE CENTRAL STATISTICS OFFICE (CSO), THE MINISTRY OF
STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION, GOVERNMENT OF
INDIA**

ON STATISTICAL CO-OPERATION

The European Commission (Eurostat), as the Statistical Office of the European Union, hereinafter referred to as "Eurostat", which for the purpose of the signature of the present Memorandum of Understanding is represented by H.E. Mr. João Cravinho, Head of Delegation, Delegation of the European Union to India, of the one part, and The Central Statistics Office, hereinafter referred to as "CSO", an organization under the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation, Government of India, which for the purpose of the signature of the present Memorandum of Understanding is represented by Dr. T. C. A. Anant, Secretary (S&PI), MOSPI, Government of India, of the other part,

Hence forth jointly referred to as Sides,

Noting the importance of bilateral cooperation in the field of statistical methodology and research to generate reliable official statistics about economic and social conditions in respective countries and regions;

taking into account the EU-India Joint Action Plan reviewed by the EU-India Summit at Marseille on 29 September 2008;

will cooperate as follows:

A) OBJECTIVES

Through this Memorandum of Understanding, CSO and EUROSTAT express their wish to develop and mutually benefit from their cooperation in the area of statistics.

The objectives of the cooperation are the following:-

- 1) To foster co-ordination and collaboration on the development of official statistics;
- 2) To create links and to increase exchanges between both sides' statistical services; and
- 3) To help support best practices;

B) WORKING PRINCIPLES

Cooperation will be based on respect and mutual understanding of the structures, mandates, institutional capacities, and policies of both Sides.

Cooperation intends to foster the efforts to develop and/or strengthen the following areas, inter alia:

- I. Exchange of statistical information through high level contacts, coordination meetings, ad hoc consultations;
- II. Harmonization of statistical methodologies and enhancing data comparability;
- III. Sharing of knowledge and experience in the areas of statistics, essential for supporting shared strategic priorities;
- IV. Foster good practices underlying official statistics;

- V. Facilitate the exchange of statistical data.
- VI. The Sides will organize visits, if required, of managers and statisticians to share expertise and experience.

C) RESOURCES

Each Side will bear the financial costs of its participation in the above mentioned activities.

D) REVISION

Any amendment to the present Memorandum of Understanding will be the subject of a written document signed by both Sides.

E) SUSPENSION

Any provision of the present Memorandum of Understanding, or all of them, may be suspended with immediate effect on the basis of a written notification by one Side to the other one, without harming the interest of the latter.

F) CONFIDENTIALITY

Information, documents or data not already in public domain and shared in accordance with this Memorandum of Understanding will not be disclosed or distributed to any third party, except if a written authorization is released by the Side providing it.

In the event of termination of this Memorandum of Understanding, the Sides agree that the above provision will continue to apply to the information, documents and data exchanged under the mentioned Memorandum.

G) DURATION AND TERMINATION

The present Memorandum of Understanding takes effect from the date of signature by the two Sides, and will remain in force for a period of five years. It

may be renewed by mutual consent in writing by the Sides at least six months prior to its termination.

The present Memorandum of Understanding may be terminated by either Side by written notice of at least one month. Unless the two Sides disagree, any specific document deriving from this Memorandum which came into effect before its termination will not be affected by such termination.

The suspension and/or the termination of this Memorandum of Understanding will not affect the implementation of ongoing activities or programmes.

H) FINAL PROVISIONS

The two Sides will apply the provisions of this Memorandum of Understanding on a voluntary basis.

The provisions of this Memorandum of Understanding are designated not to create any legal rights or obligations under international law.

Done at New Delhi , on (10th February 2012). Signed in two originals in English language.

**FOR THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION
(EUROSTAT)**

**FOR THE CENTRAL
STATISTICS OFFICE (CSO)**

Mr. Joao CRAVINHO,

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**Head of Delegation, Delegation of the
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**Secretary, Ministry of Statistics and
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