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No.KAT/AMB/97

भारतीय राजदूत, नेपाल AMBASSADOR OF INDIA KATHMANDU, (NEPAL)

> Kakarbhitta, September 1, 1997

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I have the honour to refer to the understanding reached between the Hon'ble Prime Ministers of India and Nepal as reflected in the Joint Press Statement issued at the end of the official visit of His Excellency the Prime Minister of India to Nepal on June 7, 1997, by which the Government of India agreed to provide an additional transit route from Nepal to Bangladesh via Phulbari (India) and to propose the following:

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I have the honour further to propose that this letter and Your Excellency's reply thereto, confirming that the above sets out correctly the understanding between our two Governments, shall constitute an agreement under Article VI of the Treaty of Transit between India and Nepal, and shall enter into force on September 1, 1997.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my consideration.

His Excellency Mr. Mohan Dev Pant,

Secretary,

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[Kakarbhitta(Nepal)-Panitanki-Siliguri-Phulbari-Banglabandh(Bangladesh)]

The existing Indo-Nepal Treaty of Transit, 1991 will govern the transit along this route. Government of India will take action to notify this transit route, which will be operated under the following modalities:

- 1. Trucks carrying cargo-in-transit would move in convoys of a maximum of 20-25 trucks.
- 2. Cargo-in-transit would move in "pilfer-proof" containers/trucks capable of being sealed.
- 3. Transit will take place on Saturdays and Sundays at specified times during daylight hours.
- 4. The gross vehicle weight of trucks should not exceed 16.2 tonnes for conventional vehicles and 19 tonnes for three or multi-axle vehicles.
- 5. The convoy would be escorted from entry to exit point.
- 6. Only trucks with Nepali registration can be utilised for the transit.
- 7. Drivers/assistants/cleaners, who would travel with the trucks, should hold identity cards, issued by the HMG of Nepal authorities.
- 8. The goods will not be subject to usual customs examination and other checks as long as the seals have not been tampered with or unless there are valid reasons to do so.
- 9. The following categories of goods shall not be allowed for transit (Negative List):
 - i) Fire arms and ammunition
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 - iii) Gold and silver bullion
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- 11. On the lines of the existing procedure, the goods will have to be insured by the declarant to the satisfaction of the Indian customs authorities and a copy of such guarantee (insurance cover) would have to accompany each consignment.
- 12. Government of India and His Majesty's Government of Nepal would take all necessary steps as may be required, for initiating action against offenders when serious violations of the principles governing the transit along this route are noticed.

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His Excellency Mr. K. V. Rajan Ambassador Extra Ordinary & Plenipotentiary Embassy of India Kathmandu, Nepal.

(Mohan Dev Pant) Secretary

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