



**LETTER OF INTENT (LOI)**  
**BETWEEN**  
**THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF INDIA**  
**AND**  
**THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF AUSTRIA**

The Government of the Republic of India and the the Government of the Republic of Austria accept to sign this Letter of Intent (hereinafter referred to as “LOI” or “**Letter of Intent**”), dated 16 April 2026, Both may be referred to individually as a “Participant” or collectively as the “Participants”.

For the implementation of this LOI the relevant authorities are:

**India: Ministry of External Affairs (MEA), Government of India (hereinafter referred to as "MEA")**

**Austria: Federal Ministry of the Interior of the Republic of Austria**

**PURPOSE**

With the goal of advancing counter terrorism cooperation, the Participants intend to establish a Joint Working Group for bilateral cooperation that leverages their respective comparative advantages to enhance their collective counter terrorism capabilities and contribute significantly to strengthening national, global and regional counter terrorism capabilities and strategies.

The participants will explore opportunities to hold exchanges on counter terrorism topics, with an emphasis on information and knowledge sharing, capacity building, countering radicalization and violent extremism conducive to terrorism, and use of new and emerging technologies for terrorist purposes. In the course of implementing this Letter of Intent, both Sides will, as a rule, exchange only unclassified information.

Participants will collaborate on exploring the following endeavors:

**Establishment of Joint Working Group on Counter Terrorism**

- (i) The participants will work together to establish a Joint Working Group on Counter Terrorism for exploring areas of strategic cooperation on issues relating to the fight against terrorism;
- (ii) The Ministry of External Affairs of the Republic of India will be the nodal agency from India responsible for the implementation of this Letter of Intent and the Federal Ministry of the Interior of the Republic of Austria will be the nodal agency from Austria;
- (iii) The nodal agencies of the respective participants may include representatives of the relevant ministries and departments involved in counter terrorism.

**Joint Working Group on counter-terrorism will comprise of the following activities:**

- (i) meet regularly on mutually convenient dates. The meeting venue will alternately change between Austria and the Republic of India;
- (ii) share strategic concerns and exchange experiences regarding terrorism and its components: radicalization, training, financing, recruitment, etc.;
- (iii) discuss approaches to the fight against terrorism;
- (iv) share and exchange information about developments related to terrorism;
- (v) explore bilateral/international/multilateral strategies to prevent terrorist activities and radicalization, including by strengthening the cooperation in multilateral fora, particularly the United Nations and the Financial Action Task Force;
- (vi) discuss international and regional geopolitical developments related to the fight against terrorism;
- (vii) address any other matter, by joint decision of the ..... participants.

**RULES ON FULFILLMENT AND MODIFICATIONS TO LOI**

- (i) This LOI will become effective upon signature by the duly authorized representatives of the Participants.
- (ii) This LOI will remain effective until canceled by either Participant. Either Participant may cancel this LOI without cause upon at least fifteen (15) days' prior written notice to the other Participant.
- (iii) This LOI may be changed at any time, in writing, by mutual agreement of the Participants.
- (iv) This LOI serves to record the intent of both Participants and does not serve to create legally binding rights or obligations on any Participant hereto nor will either Participant be construed to be the agent of another.
- (v) This LOI does not obligate the Participants to conclude any agreement or to enter into any business relationship.
- (vi) The declarations under this LOI constitute legally non-binding statements of the Participants. Any binding statement should be subject to a written agreement.
- (vii) This LOI will thus not confer upon any Participant (i) the right to the conclusion of any agreement (ii) the right to damages or reimbursement of any costs and (iii) the right to share any profits of the other Participant even if derived from the collaboration under this LOI.

## **SIGNATURES**

Once this LOI is approved by the Participants, the duly authorized representatives of the Participants will sign and date below in confirmation of their approval of this LOI in order to cooperate as outlined in the provisions above.

**For the Government  
of the Republic of India**

**Mr. Sibi George**  
Secretary (West), Ministry of External Affairs

**For the Government  
of the Republic of Austria**

Name:

Designation: