

**Memorandum of Understanding  
between the  
World Road Association  
and  
Indian Roads Congress**

**Introduction**

The World Road Association (PIARC) a non-for-profit organization established in 1909 which exists to improve international co-operation and to foster progress in the field of roads and road transport by:

- a) being a leading international forum for analysis and discussion of the full spectrum of related issues including: roads policy; the management, finance and economics of roads; integration with other transport modes; technology; safety and the environment;
- b) identifying and disseminating best practices and facilitating access to international data, in order to bring about improved decision making based on technically sound and impartial technical information;
- c) providing support for developing countries and countries in transition.

The Indian Roads Congress (IRC) is the premier technical body of Highway Engineers in the country. IRC was set up in December 1934 on the recommendations of the Indian Road Development Committee by the Govt. of India with the objective of Road Development in India. IRC was formally registered as a Society in 1937 under the Societies Registration Act of 1860. It has grown into a multidimensional and many faceted organization devoted to the cause of better roads and better bridges in the country.

**1. Aim of the Memorandum of Understanding**

Since PIARC and IRC share a number of common aims, both organizations decide to establish a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the purpose:

- to promote collaboration between the two organizations in undertaking their respective tasks;
- to define the conditions under which IRC can be recognized as acting as a PIARC National Committee for India.

## **2. IRC acting as a PIARC National Committee**

In order to be recognized as acting a PIARC National Committee, IRC agrees to perform the tasks defined in article 2.1. In return IRC will gain the benefits listed in article 2.2

### **2.1. Tasks to be performed by IRC**

IRC agrees to perform the following tasks:

- channelling information on PIARC missions, activities and outputs to a national audience in India;
- channelling information on the national situation on roads and road transport issues to an international audience through PIARC;
- identifying and proposing to the First Delegate of India specialists to participate in the work of PIARC Technical Committees and supporting them;
- promoting membership to PIARC among IRC members and at national scale;
- ensuring that membership administration tasks for Indian members are carried out for PIARC (as described in article 2.3);
- sponsoring without financial commitments, seminars, workshop or other events PIARC is organizing in India.

### **2.2. Benefits to IRC**

Recognized as acting as a PIARC National Committee, IRC will gain the following benefits:

- participation to PIARC Council meetings with one right of vote;
- participation to the annual meeting of the Conference of PIARC National Committees;
- access to the members area of the PIARC web-site provided to the President and the Secretary General of IRC;
- 3 free copies of PIARC magazine Routes/Roads and a copy of PIARC reports if published in hard copy;
- a discount to PIARC publications on sale;
- possibility to promote IRC activities in PIARC National Committees Electronic Newsletter.

### **2.3 Management of membership to the World Road Association**

IRC agrees:

- to promote membership to PIARC among individuals and collective members of IRC and among Road Administrations of the States of India;
- collect membership fees of individual and collective members (Note: subscription from regional authorities are collected directly by PIARC General Secretariat(GS));
- transfer annually to PIARC GS the contact details of PIARC members.

IRC will retain 20% of the membership fees of individual and collective members to PIARC and transfer the remaining 80% to PIARC General Secretariat, every year at PIARC GS request.

The share of the membership fees for IRC might increase depending on number of PIARC members according to PIARC internal rules.

## **3. Promotion of membership to the Indian Roads Congress (IRC) by PIARC**

PIARC agrees to help IRC in having its activities better known amongst individual and collective members of PIARC and in promoting membership of IRC.

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#### 4. Promotion of collaboration between PIARC and IRC

##### 4.1 Exchange of information

The two organizations agree to:

- provide reciprocal links to their websites;
- exchange newsletters and corporate publications;
- exchange other publications on request.

##### 4.2 Technology Exchange

PIARC agrees to facilitate contact for IRC with members organizations in order to achieve technology and knowledge exchange.

##### 4.3 Events

IRC agrees to facilitate the organization of PIARC International Seminars in India and to sponsor these events without financial commitment. Contribution will be decided on a case by case basis.

Both organizations will invite attendance and participation in each other's seminars and conferences.

##### 4.4 Specific projects

Both organizations may collaborate on specific projects in line with the missions of the two organizations. The corresponding arrangements would be defined in a specific written agreement.

#### 5. Monitoring the Implementation of the Memorandum of Understanding

The Secretary-General of PIARC and the Secretary-General of IRC are responsible for monitoring the implementation of the MoU and to report to their respective boards.

#### 6. Duration of the Memorandum of Understanding

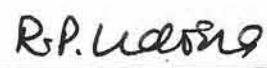
This Memorandum of Understanding shall come into force on the day it is signed.

It will operate for as long as the goals of each association are being met. Clauses may be amended, or added/deleted.

Each organisation may decide at any time to terminate this memorandum of understanding. This decision must be made by PIARC's Executive Committee and IRC Executive Committee.


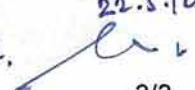
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