

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING OF PHARMACOPOEIAL  
COOPERATION**

**BETWEEN**

**INDIAN PHARMACOPOEIA COMMISSION [IPC]**

**Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of the Republic of India,  
Republic of India**

**and**

**Government of the Republic of Nauru through the Department of Health and  
Medical Services, Government Buildings, Yaren District, Republic of Nauru**

Hereinafter jointly referred to as the 'Parties' and individually as the

'Party' Have reached the following understanding:

**Article I – Forms of Cooperation**

The Parties, recognize the importance of developing close cooperation and exchanging information in the field of the regulation of medicines in accordance with their respective laws and regulations and reach the following understandings:

- i. to accept the Indian Pharmacopoeia (IP) as book of standards for medicines in the Republic of Nauru so as to ensure quality medicines being manufactured and / or imported in the Republic of Nauru;
- ii. to accept the Certificate of Analysis issued by Indian manufacturers per IP and to do away with requirement of duplicate testing of medicines in the Republic of Nauru for the purpose of drug selection;
- iii. to get IPRS and Impurity standards from the IPC at reasonably low cost to be used during quality control analysis;
- iv. to have better scope for development of generic medicines and contributing to availability of affordable medicines in the Republic of Nauru;
- v. to promote an understanding of pharmacopoeia in regulatory framework, requirements and processes;
- vi. to facilitate the exchange of information and documentation relating to the development of monographs of the IP;
- vii. to enhance the ability of regulatory authorities in the provision of their services relating to or in connection with public health, to meet the needs of their respective population;
- viii. to explore opportunities for technical cooperation in areas of mutual benefit in the development of monographs and future technologies.

## **Article II – Finance**

Each party shall bear its own expenses connected with activities under this MoU.

## **Article III – Intellectual Property Rights**

Each party is the copyright owner of its respective pharmacopoeia and shall retain all Intellectual Property Rights in the items published. This MoU does not transfer any of the intellectual Property Rights possessed by the respective parties. All Intellectual Property Rights developed or created by a party pursuant to the project shall be owned by that party.

## **Article IV – Legal Obligations**

This present MoU is not considered as an International treaty and does not establish any rights and obligations regulated by International law.

## **Article V – Entry into Force, Duration and Termination**

This MoU shall enter into force on the date of its signature thereof by the Parties and remain in force unless terminated by either Party by giving three months written notice in advance to the other Party of its intention to terminate the MoU.

## **Article VI – Amendment**

This MoU may be amended mutually by both the Parties which shall be written and duly executed by both the Parties. No amendment is to come into effect without it being executed by both the Parties.

## **Article VII – Dispute Settlement**

Any dispute between the Parties arising out of the interpretation or implementation of this MoU shall be settled amicably through consultation or negotiation between the Parties.

In witness whereof, the undersigned being duly authorised by their respective Parties have signed this MoU.

Signed at Nauru on 17<sup>th</sup> Day of September 2024 in two originals in the English language.

Signed for and on behalf of the Indian Pharmacopoeia Commission [IPC]

Signature: ..... Gul .....  
Name: ..... Gopul Bhatnagar .....  
Position: ..... High Commissioner .....  
Date: ..... 17/9/2024 .....

Signed for and on behalf of the Republic of Nauru

Signature: ..... CS .....  
Name: Ms. Charmaine Scotty .....  
Position: Minister of Health, Nauru .....  
Date: 17 Sep 24 .....