

**MOTOR VEHICLES AGREEMENT FOR THE  
REGULATION OF PASSENGER, PERSONAL AND CARGO  
VEHICULAR TRAFFIC BETWEEN  
BANGLADESH, BHUTAN, INDIA, AND NEPAL**

**PREAMBLE**

The Governments of the People's Republic of Bangladesh, the Kingdom of Bhutan, the Republic of India, and Nepal, referred to hereinafter as the "Contracting Party(ies)" to the Motor Vehicles Agreement, referred to hereinafter as the "Agreement", between the People's Republic of Bangladesh, the Kingdom of Bhutan, the Republic of India, and Nepal";

**Considering** the importance of closer regional economic cooperation and integration through enhanced regional connectivity through road transport in the Contracting Party(ies);

**Recognizing** the need for promoting cross-border road transportation for increased intra-regional and inter-regional trade;

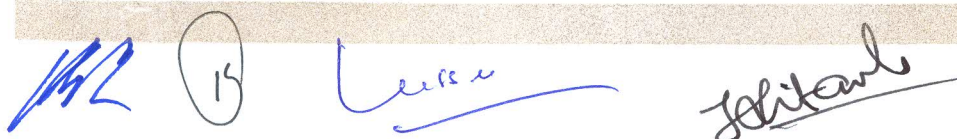
**Convinced** that the finalization and implementation of a Motor Vehicles Agreement between and among the countries would help serve these ends and is in conformity with the envisaged activities of the SASEC Trade Facilitation Strategic Framework, which was endorsed by the countries in March 2014:

Have agreed as follows:

**ARTICLE - I**

**Definitions**

- (a) "Act" means 'Act' or 'Ordinance' governing the Motor Vehicles and Motor Vehicular Traffic of the Contracting Parties.
- (b) "Appropriate Authorities" means competent authorities of each Contracting Party having control or jurisdiction over the matter referred to in the relevant Article of the Agreement.
- (c) "Authorised Operator" for the purpose of this Agreement means a person or firm or company, licensed or authorised by the competent authority of a Contracting Party to undertake passenger or cargo transportation by vehicle between and among the Contracting Parties.
- (d) "Certificate of Fitness" means a certificate issued by a competent authority, authorised by the Contracting Parties, testifying the mechanical fitness of the vehicle to ply on the road.
- (e) "Competent Authority" or "Competent Authorities" means authorities specified in the protocol to the Agreement, drawn up by the Contracting Parties concerned for operationalising the Agreement.
- (f) "Conductor, Helper and Cleaner's Certificate" means certificates issued by the competent authorities of the Contracting Parties to the conductor, helper and cleaner of a vehicle certifying their identity.

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