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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: India's Policy Towards International Sporting Events-reg.

References:

- i. MHA OM No. I-34020/30/2026-Coordination-I dated 27.04.2026
- ii. MEA OM No. No. AA/325/01/2026 dated 15.04.2026

The India's Policy towards International Sporting Events is as under:

1. India's approach to sports events involving Pakistan reflects its overall policy in dealing with that country.
2. In so far as bilateral sports events in each other's country are concerned, Indian teams will not be participating in competitions in Pakistan. Nor will we permit Pakistani teams to play in India.
3. With regard to international and multilateral events, in India or abroad, we are guided by the practices of international sports bodies and the interest of our own sportspersons. It is also relevant to take into account India's emergence as a credible venue to host international sports events.
4. Accordingly, Indian teams and individual players will take part in international events that also have teams or players from Pakistan. Similarly, Pakistani players and teams will be able to participate in such multilateral events hosted by India.
5. To position India as a preferred destination for hosting international sporting events, the visa process for sportspersons, team officials, technical personnel, and office-bearers of International Sports Governing Bodies shall be simplified. In respect of office-bearers of International Sports Governing Bodies, a multi-entry visa shall be granted on priority basis for the duration of their official tenure, subject to a maximum period of five years. This shall facilitate their smooth movement into and within the country, in accordance with international norms. Due protocol and courtesies, as per established practice, shall be extended to the Heads of International Sports Governing Bodies during their visits to India.

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This issues with the approval of Competent Authority.

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05/10/26

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