

# Approving a draft Agreement between the Governments of Russia and India on film co-production by Russia

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## **Reference**

This document has been submitted by the Ministry of Culture.

The Russian Party has signed a directive approving a draft Agreement between the Government of the Russian Federation and the Government of the Republic of India on Audio-Visual Co-Production, hereinafter referred to as the Agreement.

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Russia has concluded similar bilateral agreements on cooperation in audio-visual productions with Canada, Italy, Bulgaria and Germany, as well as a multilateral agreement with the CIS countries. Since 1994, the Russian Federation has been party to the European Convention on Cinematographic Co-Production.

The conclusion of the Agreement with India is motivated by the fact that India is a major Asian film-producing country.

The signing of the Agreement will make it possible to expand the distribution of Russian-Indian films and will promote the development of the Russian film industry and stronger cultural ties between Russia and India.