

**F. No. 1/50/1/2026-Cab.**  
**Government of India (Bharat Sarkar)**  
**Cabinet Secretariat (Mantrimandal Sachivalaya)**  
**Seva Teerth**

New Delhi, the 18<sup>th</sup> February, 2026

**OFFICE MEMORANDUM**

**Subject: Procedure for certain type of International Instruments to be entered into with foreign countries/agencies etc. - reg.**

Cabinet Secretariat has, in terms of Government of India (Transaction of Business) Rules, 1961 (ToB Rules), issued instructions/ guidelines to Ministries/ Departments from time to time regarding matters which are to be brought before the Cabinet/ Cabinet Committee for approval or post facto approval or information in respect of international instruments [such as Agreement, Convention, Protocol, Memorandum of Understanding, Memorandum of Cooperation, Memorandum of Association, Letter/ Statement of Intent, Joint Declaration of Intent, etc.] to be entered with foreign countries/ agencies. ToB Rules and relevant instructions/guidelines on the subject may be accessed on this Secretariat's website.

2. In this regard, it has been decided that prior approval of the Cabinet will henceforth not be required for international instruments which are proposed to be entered with a foreign country/ agency during an official visit of the Prime Minister to that Country or during an official visit of a Head of State/ Government of that foreign country to India. However, these instructions shall be subject to the following:

- (i) Legal and Treaties Division, MEA has vetted such international instruments,
- (ii) No binding financial implications are created by such international instruments,
- (iii) Inter-ministerial consultations have been carried out where necessary, and
- (iv) The instrument does not include the word(s) 'Treaty', 'Convention', or 'Agreement' in the title.

3. In all cases as referred to in paragraph 2 above, a Cabinet note will be prepared by Ministry of External Affairs for placing all such international instruments for information of

Cabinet, once every six months. The list of all such signed international instruments shall form an annexure to this Cabinet note.

4. Further, these instructions will not apply in respect of any international instrument, which is required to be brought before the Cabinet Committee on Security. For other international instruments, not signed during the official visit of the Prime Minister abroad or during an official visit of a foreign Head of State / Government to India, the existing instructions will continue to apply.

5. The above instructions may be disseminated to all concerned for compliance.



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