

A G R E E M E N T

ON CULTURAL, EDUCATIONAL AND SCIENTIFIC COOPERATION

BETWEEN

THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF LITHUANIA

AND

THE GOVERNMENT OF THE STATE OF ISRAEL

The Government of the Republic of Lithuania and the Government of the State of Israel (hereinafter referred to as "the Contracting Parties").

Desirous of strengthening their cooperation in the fields of Culture, Education and Science, and

Convinced that such cooperation will contribute to a better mutual relations between the two countries,

Have agreed on the following :

ARTICLE 1

The Contracting Parties agree, in accordance with the principles of equality and mutual benefit, as well as their respective laws and regulations, to encourage and facilitate cooperation between the governmental and non-governmental institutions of the two countries in the fields of culture, education and science.

The Contracting Parties shall support Jewish culture in Lithuania and Lithuanian culture in Israel.

ARTICLE 2

The Contracting Parties shall encourage the direct contacts among their respective high schools, scientific and technological institutions.

The Contracting Parties shall provide, according to their possibilities, scholarships for postgraduate specialization and doctorate, in fields mutually agreed upon.

The cooperation in the fields of scientific research and technology shall be determined, as necessary, by separate agreements between the appropriate institutions of both Contracting Parties.

ARTICLE 3

The Contracting Parties agree to cooperate in the field of education through the promotion of visits, study and lecture tours by teachers, lecturers, scholars and specialists, and shall facilitate the attendance by scholars and specialists of one Party at international conferences held in the other Party's country.

ARTICLE 4

The Contracting Parties shall encourage the exchange of textbooks and other educational books and materials concerning history, geography, culture, science, economical and social development, as well as relevant material exchange on courses, curricula and teaching methods issued by the educational institutions of the two countries.

ARTICLE 5

The Contracting Parties shall encourage the study and instruction of each other's language, literature and history through the organizing of long and short term courses and lectureships.

ARTICLE 6

The Contracting Parties shall encourage and facilitate the exchange of books and publications concerning culture, art, science and technology.

ARTICLE 7

The Contracting Parties shall encourage the development of cooperation in the fields of music, theatre, opera and dance through the reciprocal exchange of soloists, troupes, shows, theatre and opera productions.

ARTICLE 8

The Contracting Parties shall encourage the holding of art and other cultural exhibitions in each other's country.

ARTICLE 9

The Contracting Parties shall encourage cooperation in the fields of cultural heritage, museology and archaeology. Each Party shall facilitate to the citizens of the other country the access in to it's libraries, archives and other cultural and educational institutions under the same conditions as to its own citizens, subject to the laws and regulations of the respective country.

ARTICLE 10

The Contracting Parties shall encourage cooperation in the field of cinema and invite one another to participate in international film festivals held in their countries.

ARTICLE 11

The Contracting Parties shall encourage cooperation between their Radio and Television Organisations and will favor the exchange of programs.

ARTICLE 12

The Contracting Parties shall encourage and facilitate cooperation and exchanges between youth organizations of the two countries.

ARTICLE 13

The Contracting Parties shall support cooperation between their physical education and sport organizations.

ARTICLE 14

The Contracting Parties shall study the problems concerned with reciprocal recognition of certificates, university diplomas and academic titles.

ARTICLE 15

For the implementation of this Agreement a Joint Committee comprising of representative of both Contracting Parties shall be established. The Joint Committee shall convene every three years, alternatively in Vilnius and Jerusalem.

The Joint Committee shall:

- determine priorities of cooperation;
- study problems that may arise during or as result of the implementation of this Agreement;
- develop specific programmes of bilateral cooperation for the forthcoming three year period;
- determine the financial aspects of the programmes of cooperation.

ARTICLE 16

The present Agreement does not contradict the rights and duties of both Contracting Parties regarding bilateral and multilateral international Agreements to which they are Party..

The Parties shall support each other's initiatives in cultural fields at international organizations and forums.

ARTICLE 17

The present Agreement shall enter into force on the date of the latter of the Diplomatic Notes by which the Contracting Parties notify each other that their internal legal requirements for the entering into force of the Agreement have been complied with.

The Agreement shall be in force for a period of five years, and shall be automatically renewable for additional periods of five years each, unless one of the Contracting Parties notifies the other in writing, six months before the date of expire of the relevant period of its intention to terminate the Agreement. Any amendments to the Agreement shall follow the same procedure as its entering into force.

Done at *Jerusalem* on *2nd of October* 1994, which corresponds to the *27th Tishri* 5754, in two original copies in the Lithuanian, Hebrew and English languages, all texts being equally authentic. In case of divergence of interpretation, the English text shall prevail.



For the Government of the
Republic of Lithuania



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State of Israel