

AGREEMENT

Between the Government of the Republic of Armenia and the Government of the Hellenic Republic on Cooperation in the Fields of Education, Culture and Science

The Government of the Republic of Armenia and the Government of the Hellenic Republic, referred to from now and on as the Contracting Parties, led by their wish to further develop and strengthen the friendly relationship already existing between the two countries.

Wishing to develop their cooperation in the fields of education, science and technology, culture, mass media, athleticism and youth.

Acting according to the Helsinki Final Act of the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe, the Conclusive Texts of the meetings in Madrid and Vienna, the provisions of the Pans Chart on New Europe, as well as the Final Text on CSCE's Symposium on cultural inheritance signed in IW1 in Krakow, have decided to conclude the present Agreement and have agreed upon the following;

Article 1

The Contracting Parties will take the necessary measures in order to contribute to the development of the cooperation in various sectors education and of science.

To this end they will:

Strengthen the cooperation between the Higher Educational Institutions and the Science Academies of the two countries.

Promote the teaching of the language and culture of the other country.

Exchange scientific personnel of the Higher Educational Institutions.

Contribute to the exchange of knowledge and experience in all educational levels.

Grant scholarships for studies at the Higher Scientific Institutions of the other country, based on mutual agreement.

Facilitate the exchange of knowledge and experience in all grades of education as well as the creation of favourable conditions for studying and spreading the knowledge of the language, literature and history of the other country.

Negotiate with a view to contracting an agreement on the mutual recognition as well as equivalence of certificates, attestations, diplomas, degrees and academic titles according to each country's legislation.

Any other activity, related to educational issues, can form the subject of Programmes to be agreed upon according to article 14 of the present Agreement.

Article 2

The Contracting Parties shall encourage and facilitate, on the basis of mutual benefit, exchanges and cooperation in the fields of theoretical and applied sciences and provide appropriate opportunities for contacts between scientific institutions and organizations, research institutes, universities as well as other institutions of higher education, scholars, researchers and specialists in the two countries; they shall also encourage joint activities in specialized areas and topics of common interest.

In order to develop and expand scientific cooperation, the Contracting Parties shall facilitate, i.a.:

1. Visits, study-trips and consultations of researchers, scientists and other specialists.

2. Joint elaboration and implementation of research programmes and projects and exchange of the results thereof.

3. Organization of joint courses, conferences and symposia.

4. Exchange of audio visual material of a scientific nature.

5. Organization of scientific exhibitions and displays.

6. Exchange of scientific literature, documentation and information.

Implementing agency for this purpose on the Greek side is the General Secretariat for Research and Technology of the Ministry of Industry and on the Armenian side is the Ministry of Higher Education and Science.

A special Protocol for the regulation and implementation of the scientific exchanges and the joint research projects will be signed every two years alternatively in the capital of either Contracting Party.

Projects incorporated for approval in this Protocol will be jointly submitted and evaluated by both sides before undertaken for implementation.

Financing of the above cooperation will be done jointly on an equitable basis by the two Contracting Parties.

Article 3

The Parties will encourage the cooperation and the exchange of information between Museums, Libraries and Archives of both countries.

Article 4

The Contracting Parties will develop cooperation in various cultural sectors of mutual interest and they will especially encourage;

Initiatives aiming at the presentation of works of art and literature of the other country, including translations of works of literature, and exchange of books as well as of other publications in cultural sector.

Exchanges of artistic exhibitions and of other cultural events, as well of film presentations through the competent bodies of each country.

Participation of their representatives in international conferences, competitions and meetings on cultural matters, organised by the other Party.

Development of contacts between unions of art agents of both countries and exchange of experience and specialists in the sector of artistic education as well as exchanges of individual writers, lecturers and artists.

Exchange of experience and visits of specialists in the fields of museums and preservation of architectural and cultural heritage.

The Contracting parties will exchange information on the works related to control, protection and preservation of historical monuments.

The Parties will organize bilateral seminars and symposia with the participation of experts of the respective public institutions, research institutions, art and professional organizations on the study of the problems related to preserving cultural heritage.

Facilitation of research in archives, public and university libraries, according to the regulations in force of both countries.

Exchanges of theatrical, artistic and folkloric groups or individual performers.

Article 5

The Contracting Parties will promote the active cooperation between them in the field of UNE'SGO and other International Organizations related to Culture, Education and Science.

Article 6

The Contracting Parties will facilitate cooperation and exchange of information in the field of archaeology between the competent authorities.

Article 7

The Parties, acknowledging that broadening knowledge of the other country's language forms a significant factor of cooperation, will encourage the study and spreading of Greek language in Armenia and Armenian language in Greece.

They will collaborate on the creation of favourable conditions aiming to the preservation of the native language, culture, and national traditions of citizens living permanently on their territories, of Greek and Armenian origin, correspondingly.

Article 8

The Parties agree to proceed in due time, and on the basis of reciprocity, to the foundation of Cultural Centres in their respective capitals.

A special agreement will be concluded, to provide for the legal status, the terms of organization and functioning of the Centres.

Article 9

The Contracting Parties will encourage the development of contacts in the field of cinema, through the exchange of films, either on trading basis, or in relation to participation in international film festivals organized by the other Party.

Article 10

The Parties will encourage the cooperation in the field of Press and Mass Media, especially by contracting direct agreements between the relevant institutions and professional organizations.

Both Parties will encourage the direct cooperation between E.T. and E.R.A. and the relevant state Radio and T.V. organizations of Armenia, the form and terms of which will be analysed in the cooperation agreements between them. Specifically, both Parties will encourage the exchange of Radio and T.V. programmes, as well as the T.V.co-productions.

Also, both E.T, E.R.A and the corresponding Radio and T.V. organizations of Armenia will assist in every possible way the work of journalists visiting both countries.

Article 11

The Contracting Parties will encourage the development of cooperation in the fields of athleticism and physical education and they will seek to the broadening of direct contacts and cooperation between the state authorities of both countries in the field of athleticism. This cooperation's contents and details will be determined upon by the previously above indicated author it ies.

Article 12

The Contracting Parties will encourage the cooperation between the institutions and the organisations of both countries' young people in activities of social and cultural character aiming to the benefit of youth in both countries.

The Contracting Parties will exchange information and experience in all sectors related to the developments in both countries, related to young people, aiming to tightening and strengthening the relationship between young people, the creation of a friendly atmosphere, and the promotion of peace.

Article 13

The Contracting Parties will collaborate on the development of touristic exchanges, in order to make known the civilization of both countries.

Article 14

For the purpose of the implementation of this Agreement, the Contracting Parties shall establish a joint Greek-Armenian Committee, which shall be composed by representatives of both Parties and shall meet alternatively in Athens and in Yerevan.

The Committee shall consider matters relating to the application of this Agreement. It shall elaborate the details of Programmes of cooperation as well as their financial terms.

Article 15

This Agreement shall enter into force on the date when the Contracting Parties have notified each other that all necessary legal formalities for its entry into force have been completed.

Article 16

This Agreement shall remain in force for a period of five years. It shall thereafter be automatically renewed for a successive period of five years unless denounced in writing through diplomatic channels by either Party six months prior to the expiry of any one period.

Done in Athens on December 16, 1994 in two original copies in the Armenian, Greek and English languages, all texts being authentic. In case of divergency of interpretation, the text in the English language shall prevail.

The Agreement has entered into force on October 2, 1997.