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**UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN
AND NORTHERN IRELAND
and
NETHERLANDS**

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7 July 1948**

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**ROYAUME-UNI DE GRANDE-BRETAGNE
ET D'IRLANDE DU NORD
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No. 1099. CULTURAL CONVENTION¹ BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND AND THE NETHERLANDS GOVERNMENT. SIGNED AT THE HAGUE, ON 7 JULY 1948

The Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Netherlands Government,

desiring to conclude a Convention for the purpose of promoting by friendly interchange and co-operation the fullest possible understanding in their respective countries of the intellectual, artistic and scientific activities as well as of the ways of life of the other country,

have accordingly appointed Plenipotentiaries for the purpose, who, being duly authorised to this effect by their respective Governments,

have agreed as follows:—

Article I

Each Contracting Government will use its best endeavours to ensure the creation, at Universities or other institutions for higher education in its territory, of Professorial chairs or of Readerships in the language, literature and history of the territory of the other Contracting Government and in other subjects concerning that territory.

Article II

Each Contracting Government will be permitted to establish cultural institutes in the territory of the other, provided that it complies with the general requirements of the local law with regard to the establishment of such institutes. The term "institute" includes schools, libraries and film libraries dedicated to the studies which the present Convention has in view.

Article III

The Contracting Governments will encourage the interchange between

¹ In accordance with article XVIII, the Convention came into force on 26 February 1950, the fifteenth day after the exchange of the instruments of ratification, which took place at The Hague on 11 February 1950.

their territories of University personnel, school teachers, students, research workers and representatives of other professions and occupations.

Article IV

Each Contracting Government will provide scholarships or bursaries in such manner as to enable students and post-graduates of the territory of the other Contracting Government to spend a period of time in the territory of the former for study, training or research.

Article V

The Contracting Governments will encourage the closest collaboration between the learned societies of their respective territories for the purpose of providing mutual aid in intellectual, artistic, scientific, civic and social activities.

Article VI

The Contracting Governments will examine the conditions under which examinations, both entrance and degree, conducted in the territory of one of them may be recognised in the territory of the other as having the same value as corresponding examinations in the latter territory for academic purposes and in appropriate cases for professional purposes.

Article VII

Each Contracting Government will encourage the development of holiday courses to be attended by academic personnel, teachers, students and school pupils (a) of the territory of the other Contracting Government in the territory of the former, and (b) of its own territory in the territory of the other Contracting Government.

Article VIII

The Contracting Governments will encourage by invitation and subsidy, reciprocal visits of selected groups for the purpose of developing cultural and professional collaboration.

Article IX

The Contracting Governments will encourage co-operation between recognised youth organisations of their respective territories.

Article X

The Contracting Governments will assist each other in making the culture of the one country better known in the other country by means of:—

- (a) Books (including school- and text-books), periodicals and other publications;
- (b) Lectures and concerts;
- (c) Fine art and other exhibitions;
- (d) Dramatic performances;
- (e) Radio, films, gramophone records and other mechanical means.

Article XI

For the purpose of the application of this Convention, a permanent Mixed Commission, consisting of six members, who need not necessarily be Government officials, will be set up. This Commission will be divided into two sections, one consisting of Netherlands members and sitting at The Hague, the other consisting of British members and sitting in London. Each section will consist of three members. The Foreign Office, in agreement with the competent departments of the Government of the United Kingdom, will nominate the members of the British section, and the Netherlands Government will nominate the members of the Netherlands section. Each list will be communicated to the other Contracting Government through the diplomatic channel for approval. Each Contracting Government shall fix the conditions and terms under which the members of its own section are appointed.

Article XII

The complete permanent Mixed Commission will meet when necessary and at least once a year in the Netherlands and in the United Kingdom in turn. For the purpose of these meetings, the Commission will be presided over by a seventh member, who will be appointed by the Contracting Government in whose country the meeting is to take place.

Article XIII

(1) One of the first tasks of the Mixed Commission shall be to draw up, at a full meeting, detailed proposals for the application of the present Convention. These proposals shall, when approved by the Contracting Governments, be deemed to be an Annex to the present Convention. The approval of the Contracting Governments shall be signified by an Exchange of Notes.

(2) Thereafter the Mixed Commission will review the working of the Convention and propose to the Contracting Governments any modifications of the Annex which may be deemed necessary.

(3) Modifications of the Annex may also be proposed, in the intervals between the meetings of the permanent Mixed Commission, by either section, subject to the consent of the other.

(4) Modifications of the Annex shall come into force when approved by the Contracting Governments. Such approval shall be signified by an Exchange of Notes.

Article XIV

Each Contracting Government may designate organisations to ensure the execution of the above or any other measures falling within the scope of the present Convention.

Article XV

(1) At any time while the present Convention continues in force either of the Contracting Governments may extend the provisions thereof to any of its overseas territories, colonies, protectorates or territories under mandate or trusteeship administered by it by means of notification addressed to the other Contracting Government through the diplomatic channel.

(2) The application of the Convention to any territory in respect of which a notification of extension has been made in accordance with the preceding paragraph may be terminated by a notification addressed through the diplomatic channel.

(3) The application of the provisions of the Convention to any territory to which the Convention has been extended under paragraph 1 shall in any case cease at the termination of the Convention in accordance with Article XIX.

Article XVI

In this Convention the expressions "territory" and "country" mean—

(a) In relation to the Government of the United Kingdom, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and any territory to which the Convention is declared applicable by notification under Article XV (1) from the date of such notification.

(b) In relation to the Government of the Netherlands, the realm of the Netherlands in Europe and any other Netherlands territory to which the Convention is declared applicable by a notification under Article XV (1) from the date of such notification.

Article XVII

Nothing in the present Convention shall be deemed to affect the obligation of any person to comply with the laws and regulations in force in the territory of either Contracting Government concerning the entry, residence and departure of foreigners.

Article XVIII

The present Convention shall be ratified. The exchange of the instruments of ratification shall take place at The Hague. The Convention shall enter into force on the 15th day after the exchange of the instruments of ratification.

Article XIX

The present Convention shall remain in force for a minimum period of 5 years. Thereafter, if not denounced by either Contracting Government not less than six months before the expiry of that period, it shall remain in force until the expiry of six months from the date on which either Contracting Government has given notice of denunciation.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the undersigned Plenipotentiaries have signed the present Convention and affixed thereto their seals.

DONE in duplicate at The Hague, the 7th day of July 1948 in English and Dutch, both texts being equally authentic.

For the Government of the United Kingdom of Great
Britain and Northern Ireland:

[L.S.] Philip NICHOLS

For the Netherlands Government:

[L.S.] W. v. BOETZELAER

EXCHANGE OF NOTES

I

*His Majesty's Ambassador to the Netherlands Minister
of Foreign Affairs*

BRITISH EMBASSY

Your Excellency,

The Hague, 7th July, 1948

On signing to-day the Convention regarding the promotion of cultural relations between the United Kingdom and the Netherlands, I have the honour to inform Your Excellency that His Majesty's Government propose to appoint the British Council as their principal agent for the execution of the measures falling within the scope of the Convention, in accordance with the provisions of Article XIV thereof.

If the Netherlands Government agree with the proposal contained in the foregoing paragraph, I have the honour to suggest that the present Note and Your Excellency's reply to that effect should be considered as placing on record the formal agreement of the two Governments in this matter.

I avail, &c.

(Signed) Philip NICHOLS

II

*The Netherlands Minister of Foreign Affairs to His Majesty's
Ambassador at The Hague*

Sir,

The Hague, 7th July, 1948

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of Your Excellency's Note of to-day, which reads as follows:—

[See note I]

I may inform Your Excellency that Her Majesty's Government fully agree with the proposal contained in the first paragraph of Your Excellency's Note and with the subsequent suggestion that the exchange of our present Notes should be considered as placing on record the formal agreement of the two Governments in this matter.

I avail, &c.

(Signed) BOETZELAER