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No. 2238. CULTURAL CONVENTION<sup>1</sup> BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF ITALY. SIGNED AT ROME, ON 28 NOVEMBER 1951

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

Desiring to conclude a Convention for the purpose of promoting by friendly interchange and co-operation the fullest possible knowledge and 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 agreed as follows :—

*Article I*

Each Contracting Government shall encourage the creation at Universities and other educational institutions in its territory of Professorial Chairs, Readerships, Lectureships and courses in the language, literature and history of the other country and in other subjects concerning that country.

*Article II*

Subject to the provisions of paragraphs 2 and 3 below, each of the Contracting Governments shall permit the establishment and favour the development in its own territory of cultural institutes of the other Contracting Government, provided that such institutes comply with the requirements of the law in that territory.

2. The Italian Government recognise the right of the British Government to maintain and develop or support British Institutes and British Council Centres in Rome, Milan, Turin, Genoa, Venice, Bologna, Florence, Naples and Palermo. The Government of the United Kingdom recognise the right of the Italian Government to establish and develop its own Institutes in the same number of cities in the United Kingdom.

3. The Contracting Governments may, from time to time, agree to open other cultural institutes on a basis of parity, or to transfer an institute from one of the cities mentioned in paragraph 2 to another city.

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<sup>1</sup> Came into force on 6 May 1953, in accordance with article XX, the instruments of ratification having been exchanged at London on 21 April 1953.

4. For the purpose of the present Convention, the term "Institute" shall include schools, libraries, film libraries, and cultural centres devoted to putting into practice the general aims of the Convention.

5. Each Contracting Government shall give the other all possible assistance in securing suitable premises for Institutes.

6. In addition to Institutes, each Contracting Government shall permit the establishment and favour the development in any part of its own territory of Italo-British Associations devoted to putting into practice the general aims of the Convention.

### *Article III*

The Contracting Governments shall encourage the interchange between their respective territories of academic personnel, school-teachers, students, school-pupils, research workers and representatives of other professions and occupations.

### *Article IV*

The Contracting Governments shall arrange for the provision of scholarships or bursaries in such manner as to enable nationals of each of them to pursue or undertake studies, technical training or research in the territory of the other.

### *Article V*

The Contracting Governments shall encourage the closest co-operation between the learned societies and educational and professional organisations of their respective countries for the purpose of providing mutual aid in intellectual, artistic, scientific, technical, social and educational activities.

2. Each Contracting Government undertakes to ensure to scholars and students from the territory of the other Contracting Government access, on the same terms as to its own scholars and students, to the monuments, collections, archives, libraries and other learned institutions under State control. Each Government also undertakes, within any limitations which may be agreed upon as appropriate between the parties concerned, and without prejudice to existing laws and regulations, to enable such scholars and students to carry out archæological excavations.

### *Article VI*

The Contracting Governments shall consider how far and under what conditions degrees, diplomas and certificates of one territory may be accepted as equivalent to corresponding degrees, diplomas and certificates of the other for academic purposes and, in appropriate cases, for professional purposes.

The Contracting Governments shall consider to what extent arrangements can be made for the re-examination of the regulation of the professional practice of doctors in their respective countries.

#### *Article VII*

Each Contracting Government shall encourage the development of holiday courses to be attended by academic personnel, teachers, students and school-pupils belonging to the territory of the other Contracting Government.

#### *Article VIII*

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

#### *Article IX*

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

- (a) 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 of reproduction.

#### *Article X*

Each Contracting Government shall give every facility for the importation of equipment necessary for the purposes of the Convention, such as books, films, gramophone records, pictures and other material for exhibition. They shall also give every facility for the importation of library equipment, gramophones, radio sets, film projectors, vans and other forms of transport which are required for the running of Institutes described in Article II of the present Convention.

#### *Article XI*

Subject to the provisions of Article XIX, each Contracting Government shall facilitate the grant of permission to the following persons to remain in its territory in order to execute the objects of the present Convention :—

- (i) officials of the Contracting Government or of organisations designated under the provisions of Article XVII;

- (ii) teachers employed in British Institutes in Italy and Italian Institutes in the United Kingdom;
- (iii) scholars and students not seeking permanent employment in Italy or in the United Kingdom as the case may be.

#### *Article XII*

For the purpose of this Convention a permanent Mixed Commission, consisting of ten members, shall be set up. This Commission will be divided into two sections, one composed of Italian members sitting in Rome and the other of British members sitting in London. Each section shall consist of five members. The Foreign Office, in agreement with the competent Departments of the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, shall nominate the members of the British Section, and the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, in agreement with the competent Departments of the Government of the Republic of Italy, will nominate the members of the Italian Section. Each Contracting Government shall fix the terms under which the members of its own Section are appointed and will have the power to nominate alternative members.

#### *Article XIII*

The complete Mixed Commission shall meet when necessary and at least once a year, in Italy and the United Kingdom in turn. For the purpose of these meetings the Commission shall be presided over by an eleventh member appointed by the Government of the country in whose country the meeting is taking place.

#### *Article XIV*

The Mixed Commission and each Section thereof shall be authorised to co-opt additional members without voting powers as advisers on specialist questions.

#### *Article XV*

The Mixed Commission and each Section thereof shall make its own rules of procedure.

#### *Article XVI*

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 which will then be considered by the Contracting Governments. At its further meetings the Commission shall review the position and draw up further proposals or suggest modifications to its previous recommendations, for consideration by the Contracting Governments.

*Article XVII*

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

*Article XVIII*

In the present Convention the expressions " territory " and " country " mean in relation to the Government of the United Kingdom, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and in relation to the Government of the Republic of Italy, the metropolitan territory of the Republic.

*Article XIX*

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 XX*

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

*Article XXI*

The present Convention shall remain in force for a minimum period of five 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, being duly authorised by their respective Governments, have signed the present Convention and affixed thereto their seals.

DONE in duplicate at Rome the 28th day of November, 1951, in English and Italian, both texts being equally authentic.

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

[L. S. ]      Anthony EDEN

For the Government of the Italian Republic :

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