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

**Cultural Convention. Signed at Athens, on 29 September  
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**ROYAUME-UNI DE GRANDE-BRETAGNE  
ET D'IRLANDE DU NORD  
et  
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24 mai 1954.*

No. 2570. CULTURAL CONVENTION<sup>1</sup> BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE KINGDOM OF GREECE. SIGNED AT ATHENS, ON 29 SEPTEMBER 1951

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

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 1*

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 country of the other Contracting Government and in other subjects concerning that country.

*Article 2*

Each Contracting Government shall be permitted to establish cultural Institutes in the territory of the other. The term "Institute" shall include schools, libraries, film libraries and cultural centres dedicated to the purposes which the present Convention has in view. Each Government shall give the other all possible assistance in securing suitable premises for such Institutes. With a view to assisting in the establishment of such Institutes, each Contracting Government shall give every facility for the importation of the necessary equipment such as books, films, gramophone records, pictures and other material for exhibition. It 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 such Institutes.

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<sup>1</sup> Came into force on 30 January 1954, the fifteenth day after the exchange of the instruments of ratification which took place in London on 15 January 1954, in accordance with article 20.

*Article 3*

The Contracting Governments shall encourage the interchange between their territories of university staff, school teachers, students, research workers and other persons engaged in the activities mentioned in the preamble to the present Convention.

*Article 4*

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 5*

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, social and educational activities.

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, without prejudice to existing laws, regulations and agreements and within any limitations which may be agreed upon as appropriate between the parties concerned, to enable such scholars and students to carry out archæological field work and to take part in excavations.

*Article 6*

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

*Article 7*

Each Contracting Government shall encourage the development of short courses to be attended by University staff, teachers, students, school pupils, and other persons engaged in the activities mentioned in the preamble to the present Convention from the territory of the other Contracting Government.

*Article 8*

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

*Article 9*

The Contracting Governments shall assist each other in making the culture of each country better known in the other country through such agencies as—

- (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 10*

Subject to the provisions of Article 19, each Contracting Government shall facilitate the grant of permission to all officials accredited by the other Contracting Government or its agents, designated in accordance with the terms of Article 16, to remain in its territory in order to execute the objects mentioned in the present Convention.

*Article 11*

For the purpose of the application of the present Convention, a Permanent Mixed Commission consisting of ten members shall be set up. This Commission shall be divided into two Sections, one composed of Greek members sitting in Athens 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, shall nominate the members of the British Section and the Royal Hellenic Ministry of Foreign Affairs, in agreement with the competent Departments of the Government of the Kingdom of Greece, shall nominate the members of the Greek 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 12*

The complete Mixed Commission and each Section thereof shall meet when necessary and at least once a year either in Greece or in the United

Kingdom as the Contracting Governments may agree and, failing agreement, in Greece and in 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 which the meeting is taking place.

*Article 13*

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

*Article 14*

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

*Article 15*

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 of its previous recommendations, for consideration by the Contracting Governments.

*Article 16*

Each Contracting Government may designate from time to time appropriate organisations or persons to ensure the fulfilment of the provisions of the present Convention.

*Article 17*

(i) At any time after the coming into force of the present Convention, the Government of the United Kingdom may extend its provisions to any territory for whose international relations they are responsible, by means of a notification addressed to the Government of the Kingdom of Greece through the diplomatic channel.

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

(iii) The application of the provisions of the Convention to any territory to which the Convention has been extended under paragraph (i) of this Article

shall in any case cease at the termination of the Convention in accordance with Article 21.

*Article 18*

In the present Convention the expressions “ territory ” and “ country ” shall mean, 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 has been extended by notification under Article 17 (i), from the date of the notification, and in relation to the Government of the Kingdom of Greece the territory of the Kingdom of Greece.

*Article 19*

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 and the acquisition of immovable property.

*Article 20*

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 21*

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 Plenipotentiaries have signed the present Convention and affixed thereto their seals.

DONE in duplicate in Athens on the 29th day of September, nineteen hundred and fifty-one, in English and in Greek, both texts being equally authentic.

[L.S.] Clifford NORTON

[L.S.] J. G. POLITIS

EXCHANGE OF NOTES CONSTITUTING AN AGREEMENT<sup>1</sup>  
BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED KINGDOM  
OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND AND THE  
GOVERNMENT OF THE KINGDOM OF GREECE RELATING  
TO THE CULTURAL CONVENTION OF 29 SEPTEMBER 1951.  
ATHENS, 23 FEBRUARY AND 4 MARCH 1953

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I

*Her Majesty's Embassy at Athens to the Greek Ministry for Foreign Affairs*

BRITISH EMBASSY

Athens, February 23, 1953

Her Majesty's Embassy present their compliments to the Royal Hellenic Ministry for Foreign Affairs and, pursuant to the Convention regarding the promotion of cultural relations between the United Kingdom and Greece which was signed in Athens on the 29th September, 1951, have the honour to inform the Royal Ministry that Her Majesty's Government propose, in accordance with the provisions of Article 16 thereof, to appoint the British Council as their principal agent for the execution of the measures falling within the scope of the Convention.

While, therefore, the British Council will be the principal agent of Her Majesty's Government, the Embassy have the honour to draw the Royal Ministry's attention to the special position of the British School of Archæology at Athens, which is a separate organisation from the British Council. The British School provides a residential centre in Athens and scholarships for the study of the history, art, archæology and architecture of Greece by British scholars and students, and thus contributes in a significant degree to the fulfilment of the purposes set out in the Convention.

If the Royal Hellenic Government agree with the proposal contained in paragraph 1 above, the Embassy have the honour to suggest that the present Note and the Royal Ministry's reply to that effect shall be considered as placing on record the formal agreement of the two Governments in this respect. The Embassy have the honour also to invite the Royal Hellenic Government to take note of the special position of the British School of Archæology referred to in paragraph 2 above.

The Embassy avail, &c.

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<sup>1</sup> Came into force on 4 March 1953, by the exchange of the said notes.

## II

*The Greek Ministry for Foreign Affairs to Her Majesty's Embassy at Athens*[TRANSLATION<sup>1</sup> — TRADUCTION<sup>2</sup>]

Athens, March 4, 1953

## NOTE VERBALE

The Royal Ministry for Foreign Affairs present their compliments to Her Britannic Majesty's Embassy, and, in reply to their Note of the 23rd of February last, have the honour to inform them—

1. That they have no objection to the Embassy's proposal to appoint, under the terms of Article 16 of the Anglo-Greek Cultural Convention of 1951, the British Council as the principal agent for the execution on the British side of the Convention in question.

2. In addition this Department agree with the Embassy to recognise the British School of Archæology at Athens, whose purpose is to provide a residential centre for scholars and students studying archæology, history and architecture, as an institution distinct in this respect from the British Council.

The Royal Ministry of Foreign Affairs avail, &c.

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<sup>1</sup> Translation by the Government of the United Kingdom.

<sup>2</sup> Traduction du Gouvernement du Royaume-Uni.