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[TRANSLATION — TRADUCTION]

No. 3660. CULTURAL AGREEMENT<sup>1</sup> BETWEEN THE KINGDOM OF BELGIUM AND THE KINGDOM OF GREECE. SIGNED AT ATHENS, ON 9 DECEMBER 1954

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His Majesty the King of the Belgians, on the one hand, and His Majesty the King of Greece, on the other,

Moved by a common desire to encourage collaboration between their respective countries in matters of culture, education and learning, as also in literature, the arts and sciences, have resolved to conclude a cultural agreement and have appointed :

His Majesty the King of the Belgians :

His Excellency Mr. Rémi Baert, Envoy Extraordinary and Minister of Belgium at Athens;

His Majesty the King of Greece :

His Excellency Mr. Stefanos Stephanopoulos, Minister of Foreign Affairs;

Who, having communicated their full powers, found in good and due form, have agreed upon the following provisions :

*Article 1*

The purpose of this Agreement is to promote and strengthen relations in education, the sciences, literature and the arts by extending and intensifying friendly collaboration between the two States.

*Article 2*

Each Contracting Party will make every effort to promote in the Universities or other educational institutions in its territory a knowledge of the other Party's cultural heritage.

*Article 3*

Each Contracting Party may establish cultural institutes in the territory of the other, provided that the general and special provisions of the legislation of the country governing the establishment and activity of such institutes are complied with.

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<sup>1</sup> Came into force on 18 January 1957, in accordance with article 13, the exchange of the instruments of ratification having taken place at Brussels on 3 January 1957. Is not applicable to the territories of the Belgian Congo and Ruanda-Urundi.

*Article 4*

Each Contracting Party shall encourage the exchange of teachers engaged in higher, secondary, normal, artistic and technical education, of scientific research workers, students, artists and representatives of other cultural and technical professions.

*Article 5*

Each Contracting Party may provide scholarships to enable their nationals to undertake or pursue their studies or research, or to complete their technical education on the territory of the other Contracting Party.

*Article 6*

Each Contracting Party shall encourage co-operation between scientific and artistic institutions and groups, popular educational organizations and youth movements recognized by the State.

*Article 7*

The competent authorities of each Contracting Party shall make a thorough examination of the question of the equivalence of diplomas, academic degrees and other certificates of study.

*Article 8*

Each Contracting Party shall encourage the organization of holiday courses for teachers, students and pupils of the other Contracting Party.

*Article 9*

With a view to promoting cultural and professional collaboration the Contracting Parties shall encourage reciprocal visits by means of invitations and grants.

*Article 10*

Each Contracting Party shall endeavour to promote a better knowledge of its culture in the other country by the organization of lectures, concerts, exhibitions, theatrical and other artistic performances and the like, by the distribution of books and periodicals, and by means of the radio, television, films and other suitable means.

*Article 11*

For the purpose of the application of the present Agreement, a Permanent Mixed Commission consisting of eight members at the most shall be established.

The Commission shall be divided into two sections, one composed of Belgian members sitting in Brussels, and the other, composed of an equal number of Greek members sitting in Athens.

The Belgian Minister of Foreign Affairs and the Belgian Minister of Education shall jointly appoint the members of the Belgian section and the Greek Minister of Foreign Affairs and the Greek Minister of Education shall jointly appoint the members of the Greek section. Before a member is appointed by one of the Contracting Parties the approval of the other Contracting Party shall be requested through the diplomatic channel.

*Article 12*

The Permanent Mixed Commission shall meet in plenary session whenever necessary, and if possible once a year, alternately in Belgium and in Greece.

These plenary sessions of the Commission shall be presided over in Belgium by the Minister of Education or his representative, and in Greece by the Minister of Foreign Affairs or his representative.

The Contracting Parties and the sections of the Commission may call in experts who shall be invited to attend the meetings of the Commission.

The diplomatic representative of Belgium in Greece and the diplomatic representative of Greece in Belgium or their representatives may attend the meetings of the Mixed Commission in an advisory capacity according to whether the meeting is held in Belgium or in Greece.

*Article 13*

The present Agreement shall be ratified. The exchange of instruments of ratification shall take place in Brussels. The Agreement shall come into force fifteen days after the exchange of the instruments of ratification.

*Article 14*

The present Agreement shall remain in force for a period of at least five years. Unless denounced by one of the Contracting Parties at least six months before the expiration of that period, it shall remain in force until the expiration of a period of six months following the date on which one or the other of the Contracting Governments shall have notified its denunciation.

IN FAITH WHEREOF the respective plenipotentiaries have signed the present Agreement and have affixed thereto their seals.

DONE at Athens, on 9 December 1954, in two original copies, in French and Greek, both texts being equally authentic.

For the Kingdom of Belgium :

Rémi BAERT

For the Kingdom of Greece :

STEPHANOPOULOS