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**UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS
and
SYRIA**

**Agreement concerning cultural co-operation. Signed at
Damascus, on 20 August 1956**

Official texts : Russian and Arabic.

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**Accord relatif à la coopération culturelle. Signé à Damas,
le 20 août 1956**

Textes officiels russe et arabe.

Enregistré par l'Union des Républiques socialistes soviétiques le 7 août 1957.

[TRANSLATION — TRADUCTION]

No. 3961. AGREEMENT¹ BETWEEN THE UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS AND THE SYRIAN REPUBLIC CONCERNING CULTURAL CO-OPERATION. SIGNED AT DAMASCUS, ON 20 AUGUST 1956

The Government of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and the Government of the Syrian Republic, desiring to expand cultural relations in all spheres between their two countries with a view to the further development and strengthening of friendship and co-operation between the Soviet and Syrian peoples, have decided to conclude this Agreement and for this purpose have appointed as their plenipotentiaries :

The Government of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics : S. V. Kaftanov, First Deputy Minister of Culture,

The Government of the Syrian Republic : Doctor Abd El-Wahhab Homad, Minister of Education,

Who, having exchanged their full powers, found in good and due form, have agreed as follows :

Article 1

The Contracting Parties shall take all possible steps to foster and strengthen cultural co-operation between the two countries on the basis of the principles of respect for sovereignty, equality of rights, and non-interference in internal affairs.

Article 2

The Contracting Parties shall bring about an interchange of experience and achievement in the spheres of literature, science, art, general and technical secondary education, higher education and physical culture and sports by arranging individual or collective visits of scientists and cultural workers, exchanging information and materials regarding cultural questions, and organizing exhibitions, concerts, and the like.

Article 3

Each of the Contracting Parties shall grant fellowships for study in its higher educational institutions and universities to students of the other Contracting Party, in such special fields as shall be agreed upon.

¹ Came into force on 30 May 1957, as from the date of the exchange of the instruments of ratification at Damascus, in accordance with article 7.

Article 4

The Contracting Parties shall encourage co-operation in the sphere of broadcasting and the exchange of artistic, scientific, and documentary films made in each country on the basis of appropriate agreements between the departments concerned.

Article 5

Each of the Contracting Parties shall encourage visits of sports delegations to the other country for friendly contests and shall encourage relations between officially recognized sports organizations in the two countries.

Article 6

Desiring to facilitate the execution of this Agreement, each of the Contracting Parties undertakes to appoint a representative to carry on negotiations on matters arising in that connexion.

Article 7

This Agreement is concluded for a period of two years. It shall be ratified by both Contracting Parties and shall enter into force on the date of the exchange of the instruments of ratification, which shall take place at Damascus.

If neither of the Contracting Parties gives notice in writing, three months before the expiry of the term of this Agreement, that it wishes to terminate the Agreement, the latter shall automatically be prolonged for a further period of two years.

Any amendments to this Agreement shall enter into force upon approval by the two Governments.

This Agreement was done and signed by the two Contracting Parties at Damascus on 20 August 1956 in duplicate, in the Russian and Arabic languages, both texts being equally authentic.

For the Government
of the Union of Soviet Socialist
Republics :

S. KAFTANOV
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For the Government
of the Syrian Republic :

A. HOMAD
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