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## AGREEMENT FOR CULTURAL EXCHANGE<sup>1</sup> BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND SAUDI ARABIA

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The Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia,

In consideration of the bonds of friendship and understanding existing between the peoples of the United States of America and the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia;

In view of the expressed desire of both Governments for an agreement which would encourage and further stimulate the cultural exchange between the two countries;

Inspired by the determination to increase mutual understanding between the peoples of the United States of America and the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia;

Agree as follows:

### *Article I*

Each Government shall encourage the extension within its own territory of a better knowledge of the history, civilization, institutions, literature and other cultural accomplishments of the people of the other country by such means as promoting and facilitating the exchange of books, periodicals, and other publications; the exchange of musical, dramatic, and athletic groups and performers; the exchange of fine art and other exhibitions, the exchange of radio and television programs, films, phonograph records and tapes; and by the establishment of university courses and chairs and language instruction, provided such activities are conducted by agreement and under the supervision of competent authorities.

### *Article II*

The two Governments shall promote and facilitate the interchange between the United States of America and the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia of prominent citizens, professors, teachers, technicians, students and other qualified individuals from all walks of life.

### *Article III*

Each Government shall, in order to facilitate the interchange of persons referred to in Article II look with favor on the establishment of scholarships,

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<sup>1</sup> Came into force on 25 July 1968, the date agreed upon by the two Governments in an exchange of notes dated 9 and 27 August 1969, notwithstanding the provisions of article XI.

travel grants, and other forms of assistance in the schools, colleges, universities and cultural and scientific institutions within its territory. In addition, each Government will, at the request of the other Government and consonant with its administrative practices and procedures, take all appropriate steps to facilitate the training of qualified nationals of the other country at specialized establishments, institutes and public or private agencies within its territory.

*Article IV*

Each Government shall assist, insofar as possible, in the placement of qualified nationals of the other country in its higher educational institutions and provide information with regard to facilities, courses of instruction and other opportunities which may be of interest to nationals of the other country.

*Article V*

The two Governments shall encourage cooperation between the learned and professional societies and the educational, scientific and cultural institutions of the two countries.

*Article VI*

Each Government shall encourage and facilitate access on the part of scholars and students to its monuments, collections, archives, libraries, laboratories and other institutions of learning. The exchange of photographic copies of manuscripts and books shall also be encouraged.

*Article VII*

Each Government shall encourage and facilitate in its territory the conduct of cultural activities and the establishment of libraries, educational and language centers, film libraries and scientific institutions by the government and non-governmental organizations of the other country. The scope and field of activities of the aforementioned organizations shall be mutually agreed upon by the concerned authorities of both Governments.

*Article VIII*

With agreement of both Governments a committee or committees comprised of representatives of the two countries will be convened as necessary to consult on means to further the general purpose of this agreement.

*Article IX*

Each Government shall use its best efforts to extend to citizens of the other country engaged in activities pursuant to this agreement such favorable

treatment with respect to entry, travel, duty-free entry of personal effects, residence and exit as is consistent with its national laws and regulations.

*Article X*

This agreement shall not have the effect of changing the domestic law of either country, and the responsibilities assumed by each Government under this agreement shall be subject to its constitution and applicable laws and regulations and will be executed within the framework of domestic policy and procedures and practices defining internal jurisdiction of governmental and other agencies within their respective territories.

*Article XI*

The present agreement shall enter into force on the date that the Government of Saudi Arabia notifies the Government of the United States of America that it has ratified the agreement and shall remain in force indefinitely, but may be terminated by one year's notice of intention to terminate from either Government to the other.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned, being duly authorized thereto by their respective Governments, have signed the present agreement.

DONE this 25th day of July 1968 corresponding to 29 Rabi' al-Thani, 1388 a.h., in duplicate in the English and Arabic languages, both of equal authenticity.

Hermann Frederick EILTS  
American Ambassador

Sayyed Omar SAQQAF  
Minister of State for Foreign Affairs