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## AGREEMENT<sup>1</sup> OF CULTURAL CO-OPERATION BETWEEN AUSTRALIA AND ITALY

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The Government of Australia and the Government of the Italian Republic, recognising the contribution of the Italian migrant community to the diversity of life in Australia,

inspired by a common desire to promote and develop closer social and cultural relations in the future,

mindful of the co-operation in a wide variety of fields which is now taking place, and

wishing to strengthen the friendly ties existing between their two countries, have agreed as follows:

*Article 1.* The two countries shall encourage the development of their relations in the social, cultural, artistic, and scientific fields.

To this end each country shall endeavour to:

- a) encourage and facilitate co-operation between the two countries in the fields of literature, music, crafts, education, the visual and performing arts, and in other activities of a cultural nature;
- b) encourage in its country exhibitions, theatrical, musical, and dancing performances, film showings, lectures, seminars and similar activities pertaining to the social, cultural, artistic and scientific life of the other country;
- c) extend to the other facilities for the exchange of books, publications and radio and television programs, educational, documentary and scientific films;
- d) encourage co-operation between the cultural, educational and scientific institutions and organisations of the two countries;
- e) encourage contact and collaboration between the youth and youth organisations of the two countries;
- f) encourage contact and co-operation in sporting activities between sportsmen and sporting organisations of the two countries.

*Article 2.* Each country shall examine the possibility of establishing chairs, lectureships and courses in the language, literature and culture of the other country at universities and other educational institutions.

The two countries shall co-operate in establishing an exchange of teachers in order to facilitate, among other purposes, the integration of Italian children into the Australian community, while maintaining their cultural ties with their country of origin.

*Article 3.* Each country shall encourage the provision at its academic and cultural institutions of scholarships open to the nationals of the other to enable them to undertake courses of study, training or research.

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<sup>1</sup> Came into force on 28 May 1975, the date of the exchange of notes by which the two Governments notified each other that their respective constitutional and other requirements had been complied with, in accordance with article 8.

The two countries shall encourage visits and exchanges of University teachers and other academic personnel, researchers, lecturers, scientists and experts between the two countries.

*Article 4.* The two countries shall co-operate in the exchange of information on standards and developments of their educational systems to assist interpretation and evaluation, both for academic and where appropriate professional purposes, of degrees, diplomas and certificates obtained at their universities and other educational institutions.

*Article 5.* Each country may establish and maintain cultural institutions having governmental character in the territory of the other country with that country's concurrence and in accordance with the latter's laws and regulations.

*Article 6.* Each country shall facilitate the arrangement of other activities in its territory not specifically mentioned in this Agreement which are in accordance with the spirit of the Agreement.

*Article 7.* The two countries shall convene periodical meetings for the purpose of establishing appropriate measures for and reviewing the implementation of this Agreement.

*Article 8.* This Agreement shall enter into force on the day on which the two Governments exchange notes notifying each other that their respective constitutional and other requirements necessary to give effect to this Agreement have been complied with.

It shall remain in force until the 180th day after the day on which one Government shall have given to the other notice in writing, through the diplomatic channel, of its desire to terminate the Agreement.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, the undersigned, being duly authorised thereto by their respective Governments, have signed the present Agreement.

DONE in duplicate at Rome this 8th day of January 1975, in the Italian and English languages, both texts being equally authoritative.

For the Government  
of Australia:

[Signed — Signé]<sup>1</sup>

For the Government  
of the Italian Republic:

[Signed — Signé]<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Signed by E. G. Whitlam — Signé par E. G. Whitlam.

<sup>2</sup> Signed by A. Moro — Signé par A. Moro.