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**SYRIAN ARAB REPUBLIC  
and  
CYPRUS**

**Agreement on co-operation in the field of tourism. Signed  
at Damascus on 25 February 1973**

*Authentic texts: Arabic and Greek.*

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*Enregistré par la République arabe syrienne le 1<sup>er</sup> novembre 1975.*

## [TRANSLATION — TRADUCTION]

AGREEMENT<sup>1</sup> ON CO-OPERATION IN THE FIELD OF TOURISM  
BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE SYRIAN ARAB REPUBLIC  
AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF CYPRUS

The Government of the Syrian Arab Republic and the Government of the Republic of Cyprus, aware of the importance of tourism to the two countries and also of its importance as a link between peoples, in keeping with the spirit of the recommendations of the United Nations Conference on International Travel and Tourism, held at Rome from 21 August to 5 September 1963,<sup>2</sup>

Having decided to institute fruitful co-operation in the field of tourism in order to strengthen the friendship existing between the two countries,

Have agreed as follows:

*Article 1.* The Contracting Parties agree to take all necessary measures to develop and expand tourist traffic between the two countries and to encourage visits by tourists from third countries. To that end, the Governments of the Contracting Parties shall give special attention to greater flexibility in travel formalities within the framework of existing national legislation, to co-operation in the field of maritime and air communications, and to joint efforts to promote tourism.

*Article 2.* The Contracting Parties shall encourage the exchange of visits by specialists in the field of tourism and the exchange of technical information and facilities for the organization of tourist exhibitions. They shall also co-operate in the field of tourist training through the provision of scholarships to enable students who are nationals of one country to study at tourist institutes of the other country.

*Article 3.* The Contracting Parties shall facilitate visits by officials concerned with tourism for the purpose of exchanging information and experience and familiarizing themselves with the achievements of the other country in the field of tourism.

*Article 4.* The Contracting Parties shall engage in publicity through the exchange of printed material (brochures, posters and travel guides), films, exhibitions and the like, and through radio and television, in order to promote tourist traffic between the two countries.

Subject to the requirements of the existing legislation of the two Parties, all the above-mentioned material exchanged between the two Parties or presented free of charge by one Party to the other and imported for the purposes of this Agreement shall be exempt from customs duties and such other similar duties as may be applicable to the said material.

It is understood that the above-mentioned material is material as defined by UNESCO.

<sup>1</sup> Came into force on 12 August 1973 by the exchange of the instruments of ratification, which took place at Nicosia, confirming completion of the formalities required by the national legislation of each Party, in accordance with article 11.

<sup>2</sup> See "Final Report of the United Nations Conference on International Travel and Tourism", United Nations, *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Thirty-sixth Session (E/CONF-7/17)*.

*Article 5.* A joint commission (hereinafter referred to as “the Commission”) shall be established and shall have the task of studying and applying measures for giving effect to the purposes of this Agreement. The members of the Commission shall be appointed four months after the ratification of this Agreement.

*Article 6.* The Commission shall meet from time to time by agreement between the heads of the two delegations. Meetings of the Commission shall be held alternately in each country on a mutually-agreed date and shall be presided over by the head of the delegation of the host country.

The host country shall provide the necessary facilities for holding meetings of the Commission.

*Article 7.* The Commission shall be responsible for determining the agenda and the order of priority of the questions to be discussed. The Commission may obtain advice and/or assistance from representatives of the competent organizations of the two countries if the questions on the agenda so require.

*Article 8.* Conclusions, proposals and recommendations of the Commission shall be submitted to the Governments of the Contracting Parties for approval before being implemented. The heads of the two delegations shall ensure that steps are taken to implement recommendations upon their approval by the Governments of the Contracting Parties and shall inform each other of the progress made in such implementation.

*Article 9.* The Government of any country having the same regional and tourist interests may, subject to approval by the Contracting Parties, accede to this Agreement.

The instrument of accession shall be deposited with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Syrian Arab Republic, which shall notify accordingly the other Contracting Party and any other country which may have acceded to the Agreement.

*Article 10.* This Agreement is concluded for a term of five years reckoned from the date of its entry into force. It shall be automatically extended at the end of each five-year term. Withdrawal from this Agreement by any Contracting Party shall be effected by giving six months’ advance notice to that effect, whereupon the Agreement shall remain in force in respect of all other Contracting Parties.

*Article 11.* This Agreement shall enter into force within one month after the date of receipt of the second note confirming that the formalities required by national legislation have been completed.

*Article 12.* Upon its entry into force, this Agreement shall be transmitted to the United Nations Secretariat for registration in accordance with Article 102 of the Charter of the United Nations.

DONE at Damascus on 25 February 1973 in four copies, two in the Greek language and two in the Arabic language, all of which shall be equally authentic.

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