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**UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN  
AND NORTHERN IRELAND  
and  
SAUDI ARABIA**

**Agreement on cultural and technical co-operation. Signed  
at Riyadh on 23 November 1975**

*Authentic texts: English and Arabic.*

*Registered by the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland  
on 27 July 1976.*

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**ROYAUME-UNI DE GRANDE-BRETAGNE  
ET D'IRLANDE DU NORD  
et  
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## AGREEMENT<sup>1</sup> BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE KINGDOM OF SAUDI ARABIA ON CULTURAL AND TECHNICAL CO-OPERATION

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The Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia;

Desiring to strengthen friendly relations and to increase cultural and technical co-operation between their two countries:

Have agreed as follows:

*Article I.* For the purpose of this Agreement:

(a) The terms “territory” and “country” shall mean, in relation to the Government of Saudi Arabia, the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, and in relation to the Government of the United Kingdom, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland;

(b) The expression “nationals” shall mean, in relation to the Government of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, citizens of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, in relation to the Government of the United Kingdom,

- (i) citizens of the United Kingdom and Colonies,
- (ii) British subjects under Section 2 of the British Nationality Act 1948, and
- (iii) British subjects without citizenship under Section 13 (1) of the said Act, provided that in all cases they are ordinarily resident in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

*Article II.* The Contracting Governments shall encourage technical and cultural co-operation between the two countries through such means as the following:

- (a) visits by University professors, instructors, teachers and persons engaged in scientific and technical research, including provision of the necessary facilities for all such persons;
- (b) the sharing by suitably qualified nationals of the one country in training programmes and courses of vocational training in the other country, including provision of the facilities necessary for such study, research and training;
- (c) the greatest possible expansion of studies of the language and literature of the one country in the universities of the other country and in its other educational institutions;
- (d) co-operation, by means of special agreements applicable to each case, through projects which ensure the protection of the heritage and civilization of the two countries.

*Article III.* Each Contracting Government shall encourage its nationals to a better understanding of the civilization and culture of the other country through means such as the following:

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<sup>1</sup> Came into force on 23 November 1975 by signature, in accordance with article XIII.

- (a) the exchange of scientific, technical, educational and cultural publications, materials and equipment;
- (b) the organisation of scientific and educational exhibitions;
- (c) the exchange of radio and television programmes, and cultural, educational and scientific recordings and films;
- (d) the exchange of visits between the two countries by experts in the fields of science and specialised knowledge and of other important and distinguished persons;
- (e) translation and publication of the scientific, cultural and artistic works of the other country.

*Article IV.* Each Contracting Government shall encourage, through all means possible, the nationals of the other country who are engaged in research and study within its territory to continue carrying out their study or research and shall also endeavour to make available all reasonable facilities in the various fields to the nationals of the other country wishing to engage in archeological exploration within the regulations laid down or, where suitably qualified, to complete their education or training in the universities, scientific institutions, factories, laboratories and institutes for applied arts and science within its territories.

*Article V.* The Contracting Governments shall encourage close co-operation between the professional organisations and the educational, scientific and cultural institutions within their respective territories.

*Article VI.* Each Contracting Government undertakes to facilitate visits by scientists, research scholars and students from the other country to the museums, libraries and educational, scientific and cultural organisations or institutions within its territory.

*Article VII.* Each Contracting Government shall designate appropriate persons or organisations to ensure the fulfilment of the provisions of this Agreement and to meet once annually, alternately in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and in the United Kingdom.

*Article VIII.* The Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland shall, at the request of the Government of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia,

- (a) use their best endeavours to assist the Government of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia in securing places in British institutions and organisations for the training of suitably qualified Saudi citizens;
- (b) provide scholarships, fellowships and training courses in the United Kingdom, to be mutually agreed;
- (c) undertake technical assistance projects in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia on terms to be agreed with the Government of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, each project to be treated separately;
- (d) assist the Government of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia with their requirements for advisers and experts, subject to their availability and to the agreement of both parties on the proportion of their expenses that may be borne by each;

- (e) assist the Government of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia in the recruitment of British teachers and experts to take part in studies, to give technical advice on specific subjects or to undertake teaching or assume responsibility for technical training;
- (f) to make available, as may be mutually convenient, the advisory services of the British Middle East Development Division.

*Article IX.* The Government of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia shall:

- (a) provide for all British experts and consultants coming to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia under the terms of this Agreement in accordance with Article VIII (d), privileges similar to those enjoyed by United Nations experts and advisers within the country;
- (b) apply to the Representative of the British Council and to the members of his staff who will be appointed by the United Kingdom and will come to Saudi Arabia, the same privileges and conditions which apply to British advisers and experts given under paragraph (a) of this Article,

and the Government of the United Kingdom shall provide for all Saudi officials who are charged with the implementation of this Agreement and who come to the United Kingdom under the terms of this Agreement, privileges similar to those enjoyed by United Nations experts and advisers within the country.

*Article X.* Each Contracting Government shall give every facility within the limits of its legislation for the importation into its territory of equipment necessary for the purposes of this Agreement, such as pictures and other material for exhibitions, books, cultural films and sound recordings.

*Article XI.* The Contracting Governments may conclude separate Agreements to define the details of the programmes of co-operation in the various cultural, scientific and educational fields which are prepared by persons or specialist organisations.

*Article XII.* Nothing in this Agreement shall affect the obligations of the nationals of either country to comply with the laws and regulations in force in the territory of either Contracting Government.

*Article XIII.* This Agreement shall enter into force on the date of its signature and shall remain in force for a period of four years. Thereafter it shall continue in force until the expiry of six months from the date on which either Contracting Government shall have given written notice of withdrawal to the other.

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

DONE in duplicate at Riyadh the twenty-third day of November 1975, corresponding to the twentieth day of Dhu al Qa'da 1395, in the English and Arabic languages, both texts being equally authoritative.

For the Government  
of the United Kingdom of Great Britain  
and Northern Ireland:

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