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## THE CULTURAL AGREEMENT<sup>1</sup> BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND THE SYRIAN ARAB REPUBLIC

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The Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Syrian Arab Republic, desiring to promote better understanding between the American people and the Syrian Arab people, and to improve the general state of relations between both countries; both believing that further expansion of contacts, exchanges, and beneficial fruitful cooperation between them will facilitate the achievement of these aims; taking into account the positive experiences achieved through special agreements on exchanges in the scientific, technical, educational, cultural and other fields; have agreed as follows:

*Article I.* 1. The parties will encourage and develop contacts, exchanges and cooperation in the fields of science, education, and culture, and in other fields of mutual interest.

2. The contacts, exchange, and cooperation are subject to laws and procedures in force in the countries of both parties. Both parties will exert every possible effort to provide favorable conditions for the achievement of this exchange.

*Article II.* 1. The parties will encourage and facilitate the expansion of contacts, exchange, and cooperation in various fields of education. To this end, both parties will:

- A. provide for the exchange of students, researchers, and faculty members for study and research; professors and teachers to lecture, teach and conduct researches as provided in the Fulbright-Hays Act on educational exchange in the United States and in the appropriate laws and decrees in the Syrian Arab Republic;
- B. facilitate the exchange, by appropriate organizations, of education and teaching materials, including textbooks, syllabi and curricula, materials on methodology, samples of teaching instruments and visual aids.

2. Both parties will also encourage the study of each other's language through the development of the exchanges and cooperation mentioned above and through other mutually agreed measures.

*Article III.* In order to achieve better mutual acquaintance with the cultural achievements of each country, the parties will:

1. encourage the development of exchanges in artistic performance such as theatrical, musical and choreographic ensembles, orchestras and entertainment groups and exchange of individuals;
2. facilitate the exchange of exhibitions and museum items;
3. promote mutual visits of artists, writers, and specialists in all academic disciplines, especially when such visits are undertaken for participation in conferences and symposia;
4. render assistance for officials of national and local governments wishing to study the various functions of governmental administration in both countries;

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<sup>1</sup> Came into force on 12 May 1977 by signature, in accordance with article V (1).

5. encourage visits and exchanges of athletes, athletic teams, teachers and specialists in various sports affairs.

*Article IV.* In order to implement this agreement, each of the contracting parties will assign an accredited representative of the government to prepare periodic programs for cultural cooperation, and to study the financial, technical and administrative affairs connected with implementation.

Time and place of the working meetings for those representatives will be scheduled through diplomatic channels.

*Article V.* 1. This agreement shall enter into force on signature. Either party may terminate the agreement upon six months' written notice to the other party.

The agreement may be modified by mutual agreement of both parties.

2. Nothing in this agreement shall be construed to prejudice other agreements concluded between both parties.

DONE this twelfth day of May, 1977, at Damascus in duplicate in the English and Arabic languages, both texts being equally authentic.

For the Government  
of the Syrian Arab Republic:

[Signed]

Deputy Minister of Education,  
EID ABDO

For the Government  
of the United States of America:

[Signed]

American Ambassador,  
RICHARD W. MURPHY

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