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**UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN
AND NORTHERN IRELAND
and
POLAND**

**Convention on co-operation in the field of culture, education
and science. Signed at London on 7 November 1978**

Authentic texts: English and Polish.

*Registered by the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
on 21 May 1980.*

**ROYAUME-UNI DE GRANDE-BRETAGNE
ET D'IRLANDE DU NORD
et
POLOGNE**

**Convention relative à la coopération dans les domaines de
la culture, de l'éducation et de la science. Signée à
Londres le 7 novembre 1978**

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CONVENTION¹ BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE POLISH PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC ON CO-OPERATION IN THE FIELD OF CULTURE, EDUCATION AND SCIENCE

The Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Polish People's Republic,

Desiring to strengthen the friendly relations between their two countries;

Being resolved to take account of and to apply the provisions of the Final Act of the Conference on Security and Co-operation in Europe signed at Helsinki on 1 August 1975;²

Have agreed as follows:

Article 1. Each Contracting Party shall encourage and facilitate educational, scientific and cultural co-operation between the two countries through such means as the following:

- (a) Direct co-operation, contacts and joint research projects between the educational, scientific and cultural institutions and organisations in the two countries;
- (b) Visits and exchanges of university professors, lecturers and other specialists for the purpose of scientific co-operation, research, and participation in meetings, seminars and conferences;
- (c) The provision of scholarships and short-term awards to post-graduates from the other country for studies and specialisation in science, education and culture;
- (d) Visits and exchanges of students in furtherance of their academic activities;
- (e) Exchanges between the libraries of the two countries of books and publications of a scientific, educational, technical and literary nature.

Article 2. Each Contracting Party shall, within the limits of the laws and regulations in force in its territory, facilitate access to libraries, museums and archives by specialists from the other country.

Article 3. Each Contracting Party shall encourage and facilitate, in accordance with its competence, the study and instruction in its country of the language and literature of the other country.

Article 4. The Contracting Parties shall encourage, with a view to improving each country's knowledge of the other, the exchange of text-books and reference books and direct co-operation between publishers, cultural and educational specialists and institutions.

¹ Came into force on 10 August 1979 by the exchange of the instruments of ratification, which took place at Warsaw, in accordance with article 14.

² *International Legal Materials*, vol. 14, 1975, p. 1292.

Article 5. Each Contracting Party shall encourage a wider knowledge of the culture of the other country by such means as:

- (a) Visits of specialists and representatives of cultural organisations in such fields as literature, music, art, theatre and film with a view to studies and collection of materials as well as participation in conferences, festivals and international competitions;
- (b) Visits of artists, ensembles, orchestras and theatre companies, performances of music of the other country and the organisation of exhibitions;
- (c) The translation and publication of scientific, literary and artistic works.

Article 6. The Contracting Parties shall encourage direct contacts and co-operation between the film institutions of the two countries and the further extension of film exchanges on a commercial and non-commercial basis and in particular shall facilitate exchanges of films of an artistic, documentary or scientific nature.

Article 7. Each Contracting Party shall within the limits of the laws and regulations in force in its territory facilitate the work in its territory of cultural institutions of the other Party and in particular the activities of the British Council in Warsaw and the Polish Cultural Institute in London.

Article 8. Each Contracting Party shall, in order to achieve better understanding of the other country, encourage direct co-operation between the radio and television services and the press organisations of the two countries.

Article 9. The Contracting Parties shall encourage contacts between young people and co-operation between youth organisations of the two countries and also the extension of sporting contacts and the development of tourism.

Article 10. Each Contracting Party shall, within the limits of the laws and regulations in force in its territory, give every facility for the importation into its territory of material necessary for the purpose of this Convention.

Article 11. In order to apply this Convention and to review its progress a Mixed Commission shall be set up with members nominated by the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Polish People's Republic. The Mixed Commission shall meet at periodic intervals, normally of not more than three years, alternately in Poland and the United Kingdom.

Article 12. In relation to the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland the territory to which this Convention shall apply shall be Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

Article 13. Scientific co-operation under this Convention shall be without prejudice to the provisions of the Agreements concluded between the Government of the United Kingdom and the Government of the Polish People's Republic on Co-operation in the field of Applied Science and Technology signed at Warsaw on 10 October 1967¹ and on the Development of Economic, Industrial, Scientific and Technical Co-operation signed at London on 20 March 1973.²

¹ United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 667, p. 291.

² *Ibid.*, vol. 887, p. 3.

Article 14. This Convention shall be ratified and shall enter into force on the date of exchange of the instruments of ratification, which shall take place at Warsaw.

Article 15. This Convention shall remain in force for a period of five years. Thereafter, unless either Contracting Party has given written notice of termination not less than six months before the expiry of that period, it shall remain in force until the expiry of six months from the date on which either Contracting Party shall have given written notice of termination to the other.

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

DONE in duplicate at London this 7th day of November 1978 in the English and Polish languages, both texts being equally authoritative.

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

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