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CULTURAL AGREEMENT¹ BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE FRENCH REPUBLIC AND THE GOVERNMENT OF AUSTRALIA

The Government of the French Republic and the Government of Australia,
Considering the long and fruitful cooperation established between the French and Australian peoples in the cultural and scientific sphere,
Desiring to make this cooperation even closer,
Resolving, to this end, to develop in each country an understanding as complete as possible of the culture and language of the other country,
Have agreed as follows:

Article 1. Each Contracting Party shall promote the dissemination in its territory of the culture of the country of the other Party.

Each Contracting Party shall promote the establishment of close and constant contacts between French and Australian cultural and scientific bodies.

Each Contracting Party shall inform the other of developments in this sphere.

Article 2. The Contracting Parties shall promote visits and exchanges between the two countries of student teachers and teachers in the secondary and tertiary education system, researchers, lecturers, experts, and professional university, administrative and technical personnel.

Each Contracting Party shall promote the training of teachers to teach the language of the country of one Party in the territory of the other.

Article 3. Each Contracting Party shall promote the granting of scholarships and awards for study, training or research to the nationals of the other country.

Article 4. The Contracting Parties shall cooperate in the exchange of information on the organisation of and developments in their respective educational systems to assist in the evaluation and comparison of degrees, diplomas and certificates for academic and, where appropriate, professional purposes.

Article 5. Each Contracting Party shall facilitate the organisation in its territory by the country of the other Party of cultural and artistic exhibitions, particularly concerts, displays and dramatic performances.

Article 6. Each Contracting Party shall facilitate, on the basis of reciprocity and in accordance with its laws, the entry into and dissemination in its territory of the following material of the country of the other Party:

- Cinematographic, musical (either as scores or sound recordings), radio and television works,
- Works of art and their reproductions,
- Books, periodicals, and other cultural and scientific publications.

¹ Came into force on 27 April 1978, the date of the last of the notifications (effected on 24 October 1977 and 27 April 1978) by which the Contracting Parties informed each other of the completion of the required constitutional procedures, in accordance with article 13.

Article 7. The Contracting Parties shall cooperate in the sphere of scientific research by promoting contacts between specialist institutions and exchanges of experts and research workers of these institutions.

Article 8. The Contracting Parties shall promote visits and cooperation between the youth and the youth organisations of their respective countries.

Article 9. The Contracting Parties shall promote the establishment of contacts and cooperation between sportsmen and sporting organisations of their respective countries.

Article 10. Each Contracting Party shall facilitate, in accordance with its laws, the establishment and operation in its territory by the other Party of cultural institutions and schools, whether or not of a governmental nature.

Article 11. Each Contracting Party shall facilitate, in accordance with its laws, particularly its fiscal laws, the entry into and temporary stay in its territory of nationals of the country of the other Party and of their families, when they are engaged in activities provided for in this Agreement. The importation of the personal property and effects of these persons shall be facilitated under the same conditions.

Article 12. A mixed commission shall meet alternately in Paris and in Canberra at least once every two years.

The mixed commission shall examine the implementation of this Agreement and discuss the programs to be undertaken. The execution of these programs shall be subject to the availability of finance in each country.

Article 13. Each Contracting Party shall notify the other of the completion of the necessary constitutional procedures to bring this Agreement into force. The Agreement shall enter into force on the date of the latter of these notifications.

The Agreement shall remain in force indefinitely.

Either Party may at any time denounce this Agreement in writing through diplomatic channels. The denunciation shall take effect one hundred and eighty days after receipt of the notification by the other Party.

DONE at Paris on the 20th day of June 1977, in duplicate in the French and English languages, both texts being equally authoritative.

For the Government
of the French Republic:

[Signed]

LOUIS DE GUIRINGAUD
Minister for Foreign Affairs

For the Government
of Australia:

[Signed]

ANDREW PEACOCK
Minister for Foreign Affairs