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**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
and  
ITALY**

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## AGREEMENT<sup>1</sup> BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE ITALIAN REPUBLIC FOR EXCHANGES IN THE FIELDS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE

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The Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Italian Republic,

Considering that pursuant to the Agreement of December 18, 1948, as amended,<sup>2</sup> beneficial programs of educational and cultural exchange between the United States of America and Italy have been developed;

Wishing through such valuable programs to continue to contribute to mutual understanding and friendly relations between the two countries; and

Desiring by carrying out such programs to pursue and deepen cooperation between the two countries;

Have agreed on the following:

*Article 1. (a)* There shall be established a commission to be known as the Commission for Exchanges in the Fields of Education and Culture between the United States of America and the Italian Republic, hereinafter called "the Commission", to be recognized by both Governments as an organization devoted to the promotion of a broad exchange of knowledge and skills by means of a mutually coordinated program.

*(b)* The Commission shall be accorded and shall enjoy corporate status under the laws of Italy. In the United States it shall enjoy status and treatment in accordance with the Mutual Educational and Cultural Exchange Act of 1961, as amended, and as a body incorporated in Italy.

*Article 2. (a)* The Commission shall consist of twelve members, of whom six shall be citizens of the United States of America, appointed by the Chief of the United States diplomatic mission in Rome, and six Italian citizens, appointed by the Italian Minister for Foreign Affairs.

*(b)* The Commission shall elect from among its members a chairman, who shall enjoy the same voting rights as the other members.

*(c)* The members shall serve a term of office of one year beginning December 31 following their appointment, and such term shall be renewable. The members shall serve without compensation; the Commission may, however, authorize payment of expenses incurred by members attending meetings of the Commission. The Commission shall adopt such rules and appoint such committees as it may deem necessary for the conduct of its affairs.

*Article 3.* For the fulfillment of the aims mentioned in article 1, through the use of funds assigned to the Commission under the terms of article 5, the Commission is empowered to:

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<sup>1</sup> Came into force on 28 July 1980, the date on which the Government of Italy notified the Government of the United States of America that the formalities required by Italian law had been fulfilled, in accordance with article 11.

<sup>2</sup> United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 79, p. 133, and annex A in volumes 237, 262, 347, 680 and 696.

- (1) Prepare and carry out programs of study, research, instruction and other educational activities by or for American nationals in Italy and by or for Italian citizens in the United States of America.
- (2) Propose to the Board of Foreign Scholarships of the United States of America the candidacies of students, teaching fellows, research scholars, and teachers of Italian nationality desiring to participate in the programs provided within the scope of the present Agreement.
- (3) Approve the candidacies and take such steps as may be necessary for admission to Italian academic institutions of students, teaching fellows, research scholars, and teachers of American nationality selected by the aforesaid Board of Foreign Scholarships for participation in the programs provided within the scope of the present Agreement.
- (4) Inform the Board of Foreign Scholarships of the requirements of relevant Italian institutions of particular interest to American candidates.
- (5) Employ a director and the necessary administrative and clerical staff, establish their remuneration and conditions of employment and provide for payment of administrative expenses from the funds referred to in article 5.
- (6) Accept funds and property pursuant to article 5 and such other funds from appropriate public and private sources as may be contributed for the purposes of the Commission. This function of accepting funds and property may not be delegated.
- (7) Appoint a Treasurer responsible for the collection of funds, which shall be deposited in bank accounts registered in the name of the Commission, with the understanding that the appointment of the Treasurer and the choice of banks in which the Commission's funds shall be deposited shall be approved by the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Italian Republic.
- (8) Authorize the Treasurer to disburse the sums necessary to carry out the programs.
- (9) Ensure the periodic audit of the Commission's accounts in a form to be determined by certified public accountants designated by the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Italian Republic.
- (10) Do such other things as are necessary and proper to accomplish the foregoing, consistent with the other provisions of the present Agreement and the relevant laws of the Parties to this Agreement.

*Article 4.* All commitments, obligations, and expenditures authorized by the Commission for payment from funds being contributed by the two Governments pursuant to article 5 of the present Agreement shall be made within funds actually placed at its disposal at the time of authorization and shall conform to the annual budget established by the Commission, subject to approval by the Secretary of State of the United States of America and the Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Italian Republic.

*Article 5.* Mindful of the important purposes of this Agreement, the Governments of the United States of America and the Italian Republic agree that:

- (1) The level of funds made available to the Commission in fiscal year 1973, i.e., 150,000,000 lire from Italy and \$300,000 from the United States, constitute a reasonable basis for planning the level of future funding;

- (2) Contributions are subject to the annual availability of funds to the two Governments and may be increased beyond the 1973 level as warranted by program developments and related financial requirements;
- (3) Funds and property of the American Commission for Cultural Exchange with Italy established by the Agreement of December 18, 1948, as amended, shall be transferred to the Commission to be used for the purposes of educational exchange.

*Article 6.* (a) Except as provided in article 5 hereof, the Commission shall be exempt from the federal and local laws of the United States of America as they relate to the use and expenditure of currencies and credits for currencies for the purposes set forth in the present Agreement.

(b) The Contracting Parties undertake on a reciprocal basis to grant:

- (1) Exemption from any national, regional, local or city tax on transfer of cash or acquisition through purchase or gift of land and buildings to be used for the Commission purposes.
- (2) Exemption from both national and local direct taxes, dues and contributions of any kind, concerning the liquid funds obtained under article 3, section 6, and article 5, as well as the income thereof, or those pertaining to the lands and buildings owned by the Commission and the income thereof, provided the above mentioned liquid funds and buildings are exclusively used for the purposes of the Commission. This exemption does not apply to taxes which are due for payment of services rendered.
- (3) Facilitations envisaged by the Agreement on the Importation of Educational, Scientific and Cultural Materials, signed at Lake Success, New York, on November 22, 1950, as far as the educational material and other educational and cultural objects are concerned, which are to be used for the attainment of the Commission objectives.

*Article 7.* The Commission shall present to the two Governments an annual report on its activities and on the utilization of funds made available to it.

*Article 8.* The Commission shall have its headquarters in Rome; however, it or one of its committees may meet in other places approved by the Commission itself and the activities of the members or employees of the Commission may be carried on in other places approved by the Commission.

*Article 9.* This Agreement may be amended by an exchange of diplomatic notes between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Italian Republic.

*Article 10.* (a) Either of the Parties may terminate the present Agreement by notifying the other Party, in writing, of its wish in this respect. The termination of this Agreement shall take effect thirty days after the end of the first Italian academic year following the date of notification.

(b) In the event that the present Agreement is terminated, all funds and assets of the Commission shall become the property of the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Italian Republic, subject to such conditions, restrictions, and responsibilities as may have been imposed thereon prior to the

termination of the Agreement, and shall be divided between them in proportion to their respective contributions to the Commission during the life of the Agreement.

*Article 11.* The present Agreement shall enter into force at such time as the Government of the Italian Republic has notified the Government of the United States of America that the formalities required by Italian law have been fulfilled. It shall thereupon supersede the Agreement between the Government of the United States of America and the Italian Government signed at Rome on December 18, 1948, as amended.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the undersigned, being duly authorized by their respective Governments, have signed the present Agreement.

DONE at Rome, in two originals, in the English and Italian languages, both texts being equally authentic, this 15th day of December 1975.

For the Government  
of the Italian Republic:

[Signed — Signé]<sup>1</sup>

For the Government  
of the United States of America:

[Signed — Signé]<sup>2</sup>

[Signed — Signé]<sup>3</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Signed by Luigi Granelli — Signé par Luigi Granelli.

<sup>2</sup> Signed by John A. Volpe — Signé par John A. Volpe.

<sup>3</sup> Signed by John Richardson, Jr. — Signé par John Richardson.