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AGREEMENT¹ ON CULTURAL, SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL COOPERATION BETWEEN THE REPUBLIC OF CYPRUS AND THE SYRIAN ARAB REPUBLIC

The Government of the Republic of Cyprus and the Government of the Syrian Arab Republic

Having regard to the close and friendly relations existing between the two States, Wishing to further develop and strengthen them,

Animated by an equal desire to facilitate and develop their exchanges in the fields of education, science, culture and sports,

Have agreed on the following:

Article I. The two Governments pledge to encourage relations, cooperation and exchange in the fields of education, science, culture, sports and information, on the basis of reciprocity and respect of each side's sovereignty.

Article II. More specifically, the two Governments shall cooperate closely in the promotion of the following.

1. The exchange of scholars, cultural officers, scientists, artists, teachers, archaeologists and technicians as individuals or in delegations.
2. The development of research in subjects to be subsequently specified and agreed upon.
3. The exchange of scholarships in various fields of undergraduate or graduate studies in universities or institutes of higher learning.
4. The exchange of short term training scholarships in various technical or vocational fields.
5. The exchange and training of administrative and technical supervisory personnel.
6. To encourage the exchange of general information, news agencies representatives, reporters and journalists as well as writers, so as to acquaint themselves with the various aspects of progress and the achievements attained in the diverse domains of life in both countries.
7. The encouragement of cooperation between the authorities responsible for archaeology in both countries.
8. To work for the establishment of an Arab centre in Cyprus for the study and promotion of Arab culture.

Article III. The two Governments pledge to promote further mutual understanding of each country's civilisation and culture. The two parties pledge to provide all possible facilities in the field of exchange of artistic, folkloric and theater groups, T.V. and movie films, the organization of cultural weeks and musical performances, the organization of exhibitions and participating in seminars and conferences.

Article IV. The two Governments shall encourage mutual cooperation between the two countries in the fields of radio and television, as well as the cooperation of their two institutions, to reach agreements for the realization of this objective.

Article V. The two Governments shall encourage the translation and publication of some of the best known works of Cypriot and Syrian writers.

¹ Came into force on 15 December 1980 by the exchange of the instruments of ratification, which took place at Damascus, in accordance with article XI.

Article VI. The two Governments shall encourage the close cooperation and exchanges between their National Commission for UNESCO.

Article VII. The two Governments pledge to encourage close cooperation between authorized youth organizations in the two countries.

Article VIII. The two Governments shall encourage close ties of friendship between their sports and athletic organizations, through the holding of competitions, exchange of sportsmen, athletes, and sport officials and experts, and the exchange of relevant information.

Article IX. The two Governments agree to prepare operational programmes, valid for two or three years, for the implementation of the provisions of this Agreement, through joint committees which will meet alternately in Nicosia and Damascus whenever this is necessary, when the programmes are due for renewal.

Article X. The validity of this Agreement shall be for a period of five years and will be automatically renewed for the same period, unless any one of the two parties notifies the other party, in writing, of its intention to amend or to terminate the Agreement, at least six months prior to the date of its expiry.

Article XI. This Agreement shall come into force when the ratification documents are exchanged, in accordance with the legal requirements prevailing in both countries.

DONE in duplicate at Damascus this day of 25th of October 1979 in the English and Arabic languages, both texts being equally authoritative.

For the Government
of the Republic of Cyprus:
[Signed]
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For the Government
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[Signed]
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Minister of Education