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[TRANSLATION — TRADUCTION]

## CULTURAL AGREEMENT<sup>1</sup> BETWEEN THE REPUBLIC OF FINLAND AND THE KINGDOM OF BELGIUM

The Government of the Republic of Finland and the Government of the Kingdom of Belgium,

Desiring to strengthen the friendly relations existing between the two countries,

In the firm belief that cultural, educational and scientific co-operation will bring the peoples of the two countries closer together,

Bearing in mind the provisions of the Final Act of the Helsinki Conference on Security and Co-operation in Europe,<sup>2</sup>

Have decided to conclude this Agreement and have agreed as follows:

*Article 1.* In order to encourage cultural co-operation between the two countries, the Contracting Parties shall:

1. Take appropriate steps to facilitate, on a basis of reciprocity, knowledge of cultural and human achievements by organizing conferences, exhibitions, artistic and sports events, youth events, through the exchange of publications, the translation of literary works and through the use of radio, television, the cinema and other mass media;
2. Facilitate direct contacts between the representatives of the plastic arts, literature, the theatre, music, the cinema, radio and television, sports, youth and adult activities, and of the library sector;
3. Encourage co-operation between art and physical education institutions, libraries, museums, theatres and other cultural institutions;
4. Facilitate, by the reciprocal awarding of fellowships, exchanges of students between art and physical education and sports institutions;
5. Encourage their compatriots to participate in seminars, symposia, exhibitions, competitions and meetings of cultural experts, organized by the other Contracting Party.

*Article 2.* The Contracting Parties shall promote educational co-operation; to that end they shall:

1. Encourage exchanges of teachers, and of scientific collaborators from institutions of higher education, museums and scientific establishments, and facilitate their research by according them access to libraries, archives, and other public or private research facilities, in conformity with the regulations in force for each Contracting Party;
2. Encourage, by awarding fellowships, exchanges of students from institutions of higher education;

<sup>1</sup> Came into force on 21 October 1982, i.e., one month after the Contracting Parties notified each other (on 21 September 1982) of the completion of the required procedures, in accordance with article 6.

<sup>2</sup> *International Legal Materials*, vol. 14 (1975), p. 1292 (American Society of International Law).

3. Promote exchanges of educational experience at all levels, by providing educational experts with opportunities for undertaking fact-finding and study assignments to the other Party and they shall arrange for an ongoing exchange of information on structures, methods and reforms.

*Article 3.* The Contracting Parties shall promote the development of scientific co-operation between their countries; to that end they shall:

1. Facilitate contacts between their scientific institutions and between research institutes and centres;
2. Encourage exchanges of supervisory personnel from scientific institutions and of other specialists;
3. Provide for exchanges of researchers by awarding fellowships;
4. Exchange scientific and specialized publications;
5. Encourage the organization of scientific conferences, and of symposia and seminars.

*Article 4.* A Joint Commission shall be established. It shall be composed of two sections, a Finnish section and a Belgian section, which shall meet in plenary session at the request of one of the Contracting Parties, alternately in Finland and in Belgium, in order to establish the work programmes. The Joint Commission may call upon the services of experts.

*Article 5.* The financing arrangements relating to implementation of this Agreement shall be laid down in the work programmes referred to in article 4.

Commitments arising therefrom shall, however, be subject to prior approval of the requisite budgetary appropriations.

*Article 6.* This Agreement shall enter into force one month after the date on which the Contracting Parties notify each other of the completion of the required procedures.

This Agreement is concluded for an indefinite period. It may be denounced at any time by either of the Contracting Parties and, in that event, shall expire six months after the date of notification of denunciation.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the Plenipotentiaries, duly authorized thereto, have signed this Agreement and have thereto affixed their seal.

DONE at Brussels on 19 June 1979, in duplicate in the Finnish, Swedish, French and Dutch languages, all texts being equally authentic.

For the Government of the Republic of Finland:  
PAAVO VÄYRYNEN

For the Government of the Kingdom of Belgium:  
HENRI SIMONET