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AND NORTHERN IRELAND
and
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CULTURAL CONVENTION¹ BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND AND THE GOVERNMENT OF COSTA RICA

The Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of Costa Rica;

Desiring to broaden their cultural relations and encourage a closer relationship between the two countries;

Have agreed as follows:

Article I

For the purpose of this Convention the terms “territory” and “country” shall mean, in relation to the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland; and, in relation to the Government of Costa Rica, the Republic of Costa Rica.

Article II

The Contracting Parties shall organise cultural co-operation as provided in this Convention. Where necessary, however, the terms and conditions of individual projects shall be the subject of Exchanges of Notes.

Article III

The Contracting Parties shall encourage in their territories the establishment and activities of institutes for the study, research and diffusion of the language, letters, sciences and arts of the country of the other Party. The term “institute” shall include in this case schools, libraries, film libraries and other kinds of cultural centres intended to fulfil the objects of the present Convention. In order to facilitate the establishment, maintenance and development of such institutes each Contracting Party shall grant every facility within the limits of its legislation for the importation into its territory of indispensable material such as library equipment, books, gramophones, gramophone records, tape recorders, radio receivers, cinematographic films, projectors and pictures for exhibitions which are required for the running of the institutes, provided that this material is exclusively for the use of the said institutes.

Article IV

The Contracting Parties shall consider to what extent and under what conditions degrees and diplomas from universities and institutes of education in the country of the other Party should be recognised as equivalent to the corresponding degrees and diplomas from their own country.

Article V

The Contracting Parties shall encourage a better knowledge of each other's culture through exhibitions, theatrical productions, musical recitals and cinema festivals.

¹ Came into force on 20 July 1984, i.e., the thirtieth day following the exchange of the instruments of ratification, which took place at London on 20 June 1984, in accordance with article XV.

Article VI

The Contracting Parties shall encourage collaboration in the field of radio and television between the competent authorities in both countries.

Article VII

Each Contracting Party shall facilitate, subject to the laws and regulations in force in its territory, the entry and exhibition in its territory of documentary, artistic and educational films originating in the country of the other Party.

Article VIII

Each Contracting Party shall facilitate, subject to the laws and regulations in force in its territory, the circulation in its territory of newspapers, books and magazines and the reception of radio and television programmes originating in the country of the other Party.

Article IX

The Contracting Parties shall encourage contacts between their teachers and research workers to enable them to lecture or engage in research in their speciality in the territory of the other Party.

Article X

The Contracting Parties shall encourage the grant of scholarships to teachers and to graduates in science, art and culture for University and specialised studies in the territory of the other Party.

Article XI

The Contracting Parties shall encourage the exchange of scientific, technical and cultural missions for the purposes of study and research.

Article XII

Each Contracting Party shall grant to the other every reasonable facility, subject to the laws and regulations in force in its territory, for the entry, residence and departure of nationals of the other Contracting Party and for the importation of the material and equipment necessary for the carrying out of the provisions of this Convention.

Article XIII

The British Council has been designated on behalf of the Government of the United Kingdom as the organisation responsible for the execution of this Convention and this has been accepted by the Government of Costa Rica.

Article XIV

The Office of the British Council and its British personnel shall have the status of an International Mission. The duties and privileges shall be those stipulated in the Convention of Privileges and Immunities of the United Nations.¹

¹ United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 1, p. 15 and vol. 90, p. 327 (corrigendum to vol. 1, p. 18).

Article XV

This Convention shall enter into force on the thirtieth day after the exchange of instruments of ratification, which shall take place in London, and shall remain in force until six months after either of the Contracting Parties shall have given written notice of termination to the other.

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

DONE in duplicate in San José this seventh day of December 1978, in the English and Spanish languages, both texts being equally authoritative.

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

KEITH HAMYLTON JONES
Her Britannic Majesty's Ambassador

For the Government of the Republic of Costa Rica:

R. A. CALDERÓN F
Minister of External Relations and Worship
