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BASIC CONVENTION¹ FOR CULTURAL CO-OPERATION BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF VENEZUELA

The Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Republic of Venezuela;

Desiring to consolidate the friendly relations existing between the two countries, to promote with mutual accord a greater exchange and knowledge of their languages and cultures and to strengthen relations between both countries in the fields of education, letters, the sciences, the arts and sport;

Desiring to establish the principles of a full cultural exchange;

Have agreed as follows:

Article I. (1) The Contracting Parties shall encourage co-operation between educational and cultural institutions and organisations of both countries.

(2) The Contracting Parties agree to organise this co-operation through complementary agreements or other arrangements to which they may subscribe through the diplomatic channel between the respective institutions of both countries, in conformity with the present Basic Convention.

Article II. To encourage this co-operation, the Contracting Parties agree to promote as follows:

- (a) The provision in universities, polytechnics, institutions of higher education and in other educational, cultural and sports institutions of their own country, opportunities for study, training, research, specialisation for duly qualified nationals of the other country;
- (b) Cultural activities, lectures, exchanges of artists, intellectuals and sportsmen;
- (c) Exhibitions and other events which may contribute to the spread of cultural values to the peoples of each country;
- (d) The exchange, translation and circulation of books, newspapers and other publications;
- (e) Reciprocal visits by groups and individuals to study science, education, language and culture of the other country and the provision of lectures and consultancies on subjects of mutual interest.

Article III. The Contracting Parties shall consider the provision of scholarships or bursaries which shall enable teachers, researchers, students, artists and sportsmen of each country to undertake studies, research and technical training in the territory of the other country.

Article IV. Subject to the laws and regulations in force in its territory, each Party shall provide the necessary facilities for the entry, residence and departure of people who carry out activities relating to the present Convention, together

¹ Came into force on 27 March 1984, the date of the last of the notifications by which the Contracting Parties informed each other of the completion of the domestic requirements, in accordance with article XIV (1).

with the importation of the materials and equipment necessary to carry out such activities.

Article V. The Contracting Parties shall encourage exchanges in the field of libraries and information and undertake to create programmes which may promote the establishment of a significant collaboration between the library institutions of both countries.

Article VI. The Contracting Parties shall encourage the organisation of concerts, exhibitions, theatrical productions, lectures, recitals, film festivals and other artistic events designed to establish a better knowledge of their respective cultures.

Article VII. Each Contracting Party shall facilitate the organisation of holiday courses for artists, teachers and students of the other Party.

Article VIII. Each Contracting Party shall encourage in its territory, in accordance with the laws and regulations in force, the establishment of cultural institutes for the study, research and diffusion of the language, letters, sciences and arts of the other country.

Article IX. The Contracting Parties shall provide, subject to the laws and regulations in force in their respective territories, the necessary facilities to encourage collaboration between official radio and television stations, by means of cultural, artistic, sports and educational programmes.

Article X. The Contracting Parties, subject to the laws and regulations in force in their respective territories, shall facilitate the entry and exhibition in their respective territories of documentary, artistic and educational films originating from each country.

Article XI. Each of the Contracting Parties, in accordance with its internal legal practice, shall consider to what extent and under which circumstances recognition should be given to the academic titles, diplomas and academic certificates conferred in the territory of the other, so that studies can be initiated or continued.

Article XII. (1) The Contracting Parties agree to set up a Mixed Commission consisting of members from both Parties which will meet alternately in London and Caracas with responsibility for the application of the present Convention.

(2) The Commission shall meet every two years and shall have as its objectives:

- (a) To identify and define those areas in which it may be possible to carry out specific programmes and projects of cultural exchange and of scientific and technical co-operation, assigning to them an order of priority;
- (b) To propose, consider and recommend specific programmes and projects of cultural exchange and scientific and technical co-operation;
- (c) To evaluate the results of the execution of specific projects with a view to the more efficacious fulfilment of the activities contained within the framework of the present Convention.

(3) Each Contracting Party shall be able at any time to make proposals for cultural exchanges and scientific and technical co-operation to be effected through

the diplomatic channel, and to propose special meetings for the study of a particular topic.

Article XIII. Any dispute which may arise between the Contracting Parties with regard to the interpretation or execution of the present Convention shall be resolved by negotiation through the diplomatic channel.

Article XIV. (1) Each Contracting Party shall notify the other Contracting Party of the completion of any domestic legal requirements necessary for the ratification of the Convention. It shall enter into force on the date of the later of these notifications.

(2) This Convention shall have a duration of five years and shall be renewed automatically for equal periods. It can be denounced at any time by either Contracting Party by diplomatic means, in which case it shall cease to be effective six months after the date of the aforesaid notification of denunciation.

(3) The duration mentioned in the previous paragraph shall not affect the duration of complementary agreements or other arrangements agreed in conformity with this Convention, except when the Contracting Parties agree otherwise.

DONE in duplicate at London this 16th day of December [1983] in the English and Spanish languages, both texts being equally authoritative.

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