

AGREEMENT
BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF LITHUANIA
AND
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF AZERBAIJAN
ON CO-OPERATION IN THE FIELD OF CULTURE

The Government of the Republic of Lithuania and the Government of the Republic of Azerbaijan, hereinafter referred to as the “Contracting Parties”,

Desiring to develop and strengthen friendly relations and further co-operation the field of culture,

Convinced that co-operation in the field of culture helps to develop friendship and a better understanding between the peoples,

Have agreed as follows:

Article 1

The Contracting Parties shall create favourable conditions for exchanges and development of co-operation in the fields of music, theatre, cinematography, arts, library science and museum science, protection of objects of historical and cultural heritage, amateur arts, crafts and other fields of cultural activity.

Article 2

Within their capacities and on the basis of bilateral projects the Contracting Parties shall support tours and performances of their theatre and music performer groups, exchanges in exhibitions of objects of art and museum exhibits, organization of festivals, competitions, conferences, seminars and other events in the fields of professional and amateur art.

Article 3

Within their capacities the Contracting Parties shall support direct co-operation of theatres, organizations engaged in organizing concerts, cultural heritage protection institutions, libraries as well as other institutions of culture and art.

Article 4

The Contracting Parties shall assist in developing mutual contacts between creative unions as well as people of culture and art.

Article 5

Within their capacities the Contracting Parties shall support study visits of culture and art specialists.

Within their capacities the Contracting Parties shall invite representatives and specialists of culture and art of their countries to participate in congresses, conferences, festivals as well as other national and international events organized by the both countries.

Article 6

The Contracting Parties shall aim at creating favourable conditions for access to funds of valuable culture objects exhibited in museums and libraries of the two countries by means of electronic transmission of documents, interlibrary exchange, electronic catalogues and electronic libraries.

Article 7

The Contracting Parties shall co-operate in returning illegally exported objects of art, valuable movable culture objects and antiquarian objects.

Article 8

The Contracting Parties shall encourage co-operation between the two countries in the field of cinematography as well as exchanges in films and other type of visual production, participation in festivals, exchanges in advertising material, journals as well as other publications in this field.

Article 9

The Contracting Parties shall exchange information concerning research in the field of culture and art as well as encourage scientific exchange as well as other type of co-operation.

Article 10

The Contracting Parties shall co-operate in the field of intellectual property in particular in protection and implementation of copyright and related rights.

Article 11

This Agreement will enter into force on the date when the Contracting Parties receive through diplomatic channels the last written notification indicating that all the internal procedures required for its entry into force have been fulfilled.

This Agreement shall remain in force for a period of five years and shall be automatically extended for further periods of five years, unless one of the Contracting Parties informs the other Contracting Party in writing, through diplomatic channels, not later than six months prior to the date of expiration of the five year period about its intention to denounce the Agreement.

This Agreement may be amended or supplemented by mutual agreement of the two Contracting Parties. Such amendments or supplements shall be made in writing and, when in force according to the procedure in paragraph one of this Article, will become an integral part of this Agreement.

Unless otherwise agreed by the Contracting Parties, the denunciation of this Agreement shall not affect the implementation of programmes and projects undertaken during the period of its validity but not realised until its termination.

Done at VILNIUS on 13 SEPTEMBER 2007 in two copies both in the Lithuanian, Azerbaijani and English languages, each text being equally authentic. In case of any divergence in interpretation of this Agreement, the English text shall prevail.

**For the Government of
the Republic of Lithuania**



**For the Government of
the Republic of Azerbaijan**

