

**COOPERATION AGREEMENT IN THE FIELD OF CULTURE
BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF LITHUANIA
AND THE GOVERNMENT OF ARAB REPUBLIC OF EGYPT**

The Government of the Republic of Lithuania and the Government of Arab Republic of Egypt, hereinafter referred to as the "Contracting Parties",

- recognizing the necessity to deepen and strengthen mutual respect,
- aware of the importance of friendly relations and co-operation between the two countries,
- convinced that cultural co-operation between two countries encourages and deepens friendly relations and promotes mutual understanding,

have agreed as follows:

Article 1

The Contracting Parties, on the basis of equality and mutuality, observing legislative acts of their respective countries and norms of the international law, shall encourage and support exchange and cooperation between the relevant institutions of both countries in the field of culture.

Article 2

The Contracting Parties shall exchange information on cultural life in their countries as well as on international events organized in both countries and shall encourage participation of their representatives in these events.

Article 3

The Contracting Parties shall encourage co-operation between national libraries and museums of both countries as well as the exchange of publications and experts in the spheres of common interest.

Article 4

The Contracting Parties shall promote collaboration in archaeology, the protection and preservation, research and restoration of cultural heritage and shall encourage the exchange of publications and experts in the relevant fields.

Article 5

The Contracting Parties shall encourage development of cooperation in the fields of opera and ballet, music and theatre, as well as support mutual exchange of artists and artistic performances.

Article 6

The Contracting Parties shall develop diverse co-operation through the exchange of books, periodicals and other publications on culture and art and shall encourage mutual participation of appropriate institutions in international book fairs organized in the territory of respective countries in accordance with their legislation.

Article 7

The Contracting Parties shall consider possibilities of exchange of exhibitions in the field of fine art and photography as well as traditional art.

Article 8

The Contracting Parties shall support co-operation in the field of cinematography and shall promote the exchange of films and delegations in film festivals taking place in both countries.

Article 9

The Contracting Parties shall develop cooperation in the field of culture under the auspices of UNESCO and other international organizations.

Article 10

The Contracting Parties shall agree that action programmes for the implementation of the present Agreement shall be worked out and the expenses involved in the cultural exchange shall be decided through mutual consultations by the Parties.

The Contracting Parties shall decide that, based on the present Agreement, the competent institutions of Contracting Parties may work out separate programmes and contracts with their counterparts in each other's country in their related fields.

Article 11

This Agreement shall enter into force when both Contracting Parties through diplomatic channels notify each other in writing that legal procedures under their legislation

necessary for entering into force of this Agreement have been completed. The amendments of the Agreement shall enter into force following the same procedure.

Article 12

This Agreement shall remain in force for five years and shall be extended automatically for subsequent periods of five years, unless one Contracting Party notifies the other Contracting Party in writing through diplomatic channels about the termination of the Agreement six months before its expiry date.

Done at New York on 23rd day of September 2004 in two copies, in Lithuanian, the Arabic, and English languages, each text being equally authentic. In case of any divergence of interpretation, the English text shall prevail.

For the Government
of the Republic of Lithuania



For the Government
of Arab Republic of Egypt

