

AGREEMENT

BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF LITHUANIA AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND ON CO-OPERATION IN THE FIELDS OF EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND CULTURE

The Government of the Republic of Lithuania and the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (hereinafter referred to as "the Contracting Parties"),

desiring to strengthen and develop the friendly relations between the two countries and their peoples,

being convinced that exchanges and co-operation in the fields of education, science and culture as well as in other fields contribute to a better mutual knowledge and understanding between the Lithuanian and the British peoples,

have agreed as follows:

ARTICLE 1

The Contracting Parties shall encourage the development of relations between their two countries in the field of education by:

- a) encouraging and facilitating direct co-operation, contacts and exchanges between people, institutions and organisations concerned with education in the two countries;
- b) encouraging and facilitating the study and instruction in the languages and literature of the other Contracting Party;
- c) encouraging and facilitating co-operation and exchanges in teaching methods and materials, curriculum development and examinations;
- d) providing scholarships and bursaries and promoting other means to facilitate study and research.

ARTICLE 2

The Contracting Parties shall encourage and facilitate the development of exchanges and research on problems of mutual interest in the fields of science and technology, including direct co-operation between scientific and research institutions in the two countries.

ARTICLE 3

The Contracting Parties shall encourage and facilitate direct contacts in the fields of literature, music, the visual arts, the performing arts, film, television and radio, architecture, museums and galleries, libraries and archives and in other cultural areas.

ARTICLE 4

Each Contracting Party shall encourage the establishment in its territory of cultural and information centres of the other Contracting Party to organise and carry out activities in pursuit of the purposes of this Agreement, and shall grant every facility within the limits of its legislation to assist such centres, which may include schools, language teaching institutions, libraries, resource centres and other institutions dedicated to the purposes of the present Agreement. Practical arrangements relating to the operation of the Centres may if necessary be dealt with in separate discussions.

ARTICLE 5

The Contracting Parties shall encourage direct co-operation between press and publishing organisations in the two countries.

ARTICLE 6

The Contracting Parties shall facilitate the exchange of information about measures to protect the national heritage.

ARTICLE 7

The Contracting Parties shall encourage co-operation between their respective authorities in order to ensure the mutual protection of copyright within the terms of their legislation.

ARTICLE 8

The Contracting Parties shall encourage contacts between young people and direct co-operation between youth organisations of the two countries.

ARTICLE 9

The Contracting Parties shall encourage the development of tourism between the two countries.

ARTICLE 10

The Contracting Parties shall encourage co-operation between sporting organisations and participation in sporting events in each other's countries.

ARTICLE 11

The Contracting Parties shall facilitate in appropriate ways attendance at seminars, festivals, competitions, exhibitions, conferences, symposia and meetings in fields covered by this Agreement and held in either country.

ARTICLE 12

The Contracting Parties shall encourage direct co-operation and exchanges between non-governmental organisations in all the fields covered by this Agreement.

ARTICLE 13

All activities covered by this Agreement shall comply with the laws and regulations in force in the State of Contracting Party in which they take place.

ARTICLE 14

The British Council shall act as the principal agent of the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland in the implementation of this Agreement and shall assist the British Embassy in developing cultural relations between the sending state and the receiving state. The British Council shall enjoy legal personality and capacity under the laws and regulations of the Republic of Lithuania.

ARTICLE 15

Representatives of the Contracting Parties shall, whenever necessary or at request of either Party, meet as a Mixed Commission to review developments relating to this Agreement and to consider prospects for further cooperation in the coming years.

ARTICLE 16

1. This Agreement shall apply provisionally from the date of its signature.
2. This Agreement shall enter into force on the day when both Contracting Parties notify each other through diplomatic channels that all the necessary legal procedures have been fulfilled.

3. This Agreement shall remain in force for a period of five years and thereafter shall remain in force until the expiry of six months from the date on which either Contracting Party shall have given written notice of termination to the other through the diplomatic channel.

In witness whereof the undersigned, being duly authorised thereto by their respective Governments, have signed this Agreement.

Done at *Vilnius* this day of *Novemb. 8* 1996 in the Lithuanian and English languages, both texts being equally authoritative. In the event of any difference of interpretation the English text shall prevail.



For the Government of the
Republic of Lithuania



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