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AGREEMENT BETWEEN
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE STATE OF ISRAEL
AND
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE DEMOCRATIC SOCIALIST
REPUBLIC OF SRI LANKA
ON COOPERATION IN THE FIELDS OF CULTURE,
EDUCATION AND SCIENCE

The Government of the State of Israel and the Government of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka (hereinafter referred to as "the Contracting Parties");

Guided by their desire to develop and strengthen friendly relations between the two countries;

Desirous to encourage cooperation in the field of culture, education and science;

HAVE AGREED as follow:

ARTICLE 1

The Contracting Parties shall encourage the development of cooperation in the spheres of culture, art, science, education and sport as well as contacts between the youth of the two countries.

ARTICLE 2
EDUCATION

The Contracting Parties shall facilitate, encourage, promote and develop their cooperation in the fields of education and, to this end, shall:

1. Facilitate, encourage and expand contact and cooperation between educational and professional institutions and establishments in the two countries with a view to fostering increased cooperation between the institutions and establishments concerned;

2. Seek expansion of contact, cooperation and exchange visits of :

- (I) Lecturers, scholars, researchers and senior management personnel from University and other higher education institutions and Teachers Educational Institutions (i.e. National Colleges of Education, and National Institute of Education).
- (II) Secondary school teachers, teaching assistants and principals.
- (III) Primary school teachers, teaching assistants and principals.
- (IV) Senior administrators concerned with Non-formal and Special Education.
- (V) Officials of the Ministry Administration concerned with the education system in the country.

Similarly encourage participation in relevant educational and professional study tours and training courses made available by one Contracting Party:

3. Invite representatives of one Contracting Party, whenever possible, to participate in educational congresses, conferences, seminars and symposiums hosted by the other Contracting Party;
4. Take measures to ensure the review and subsequent revision of textbooks, especially as regards to those parts which deal with the history and geographical features of the other country;

5. Exchange school curricular and scientific, pedagogical and methodological literature and other material concerning the educational system of each country;
6. Exchange information concerning the comparability and equivalence of primary and secondary school certificates and of scientific, university and technological degrees and diplomas;

ARTICLE 3

CULTURE

With a view to improving their acquaintance, the Contracting Parties shall encourage cooperation in cultural fields of mutual interest and shall also encourage their competent authorities and institutions to carry out activities that may include, among others;

1. The Parties shall encourage cooperation between institutions of the two countries on conservation of archaeological monuments, artifacts, archives materials and protection of intangible cultures;
2. Exchange information in the fields of fine art, music, dance, drama and literature;
3. Exchange of experts on archaeology, museum, archives and intangible cultures;
4. Exchange of lecturers, exhibitions, artistic presentations and film weeks through the agency of the competent bodies of the two sides;
5. Participation of representatives of one Contracting Party in international conferences, international festivals, competitions and meetings in the fields of culture, hosted by the other Contracting Party;
6. Cooperation between schools of art, national museums and libraries, performing arts institutions and other cultural institutions;
7. Contacts between organizations of writers, interpreters, graphic artists, architects, writers, composers and musicians, theatre and cinema actors;
8. Exchange of experience in field of preservation of historical monuments, cultural heritage, national collections and gallery activities;

9. Facilitate research work by granting access to state archives, national and university libraries.
10. Exchange of individual performers and artistic groups.

ARTICLE 4

SCIENCE

1. The Contracting Parties shall encourage, on the basis of mutual interests and benefit, exchanges and cooperation in agreed upon scientific fields, and in areas of technology which are of interest to the two Contracting Parties and shall encourage the creation of appropriate conditions for direct contacts between institutions, organizations and scientific associations, institutions of higher learning and research, scholars and specialists from both countries and particularly through:
 - a) exchange visits of scholars, academic lecturers and other specialists;
 - b) joint elaboration of research plans and programs, and the exchange of results
 - c) organization of joint courses, conferences and scientific symposia;
 - d) exchange of students of institutions of higher learning and trainees for studies and specialization in scientific fields;
 - e) exchange of scientific publications, literature and information;
 - f) exchange of audiovisual material, organization of exhibitions and other presentations of scientific characters;
 - g) invitation of representatives of one Contracting Party to congresses, conferences and other scientific meetings organized by the other Contracting Party;
2. The Contracting Parties shall promote and support the participation of the other Contracting Party in scientific and technological cooperation projects carried out under auspices of international organizations.