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AGREEMENT

BETWEEN

THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

AND

THE GOVERNMENT OF THE HELLENIC REPUBLIC

ON

CO-OPERATION IN THE FIELDS OF ARTS AND CULTURE

PREAMBLE

The Government of the Republic of South Africa and the Government of the Hellenic Republic (hereinafter jointly referred to as the "Parties" and in the singular as a "Party");

DESIROUS to consolidate, broaden and strengthen the friendly ties and reciprocal understanding between the Parties;

CONSCIOUS of the desirability of promoting, to the greatest possible extent, the mutual knowledge and understanding of their respective cultures, intellectual and artistic achievements, as well as of their history and way of life, by means of friendly cooperation between their respective countries; and

DESIROUS to uplift and enhance the quality of life of their peoples;

HEREBY AGREE as follows:

ARTICLE 1

RESPONSIBILITIES OF PARTIES

- The Parties shall encourage the exchange of knowledge, experience and achievement, and cooperation in the fields of arts and culture.
- (2) In order to achieve the objects set out in sub-Article (1), the Parties shall encourage -
 - (a) the teaching of the languages, literature, culture and history of each other's country;
 - (b) the development of cultural relations between their countries by promoting the exchange of study and lecture visits by specialists in this field, as well as the exchange of information;

- (c) cooperation in various cultural fields of interest to both countries, including -
 - (i) exhibitions of art and artifacts;
 - (ii) music, dance and drama;
 - (iii) cooperation between schools of arts, associations of artists and writers, museums and other cultural institutions; and
 - (iv) the exchange of knowledge between conservation bodies relating to cultural heritage;
- (d) exchange of books and other publications;
- (e) cooperation in the field of cinematography; and
- (f) any other form of cooperation as may be agreed upon between the Parties or relevant autonomous institutions in both countries.

ARTICLE 2

INSTITUTIONS, ORGANISATIONS AND BODIES

- (1) The Parties shall encourage contact and cooperation between interested institutions, organizations and bodies in both countries in the fields covered under this Agreement.
- (2) The Parties shall encourage the conclusion of specific programmes of cooperation between the relevant cultural institutions and bodies.
- (3) Due regard shall be given to the autonomy of the relevant institutions, organizations and bodies.
- (4) Institutions, organizations and bodies shall, subject to the domestic law in force in their respective countries, be free to enter into and maintain mutual relations and agreements.

ARTICLE 3

APPLICABLE LAW

All activities carried out in terms of this Agreement shall be subject to the domestic law in force in their respective countries.

ARTICLE 4

JOINT PROGRAMME OF COOPERATION

- For the purpose of implementation of this Agreement the Parties shall establish a Joint Programme of Cooperation.
- (2) Officials from both Parties shall meet as agreed upon between them to discuss issues relating to the establishment of the Joint Programme of Cooperation.
- (3) Meetings pertaining to the Joint Programme contemplated in sub-Article (1) shall be held alternately in the Republic of South Africa and in the Hellenic Republic.
- (4) The Joint Programme in sub-Article (1), if approved by both Parties, shall be valid for specific periods and shall include concrete forms of cooperation, events and exchanges, as well as the organizational and financial conditions for its implementation.

ARTICLE 5

SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTES

Any dispute between the Parties arising out of the interpretation or implementation of this Agreement shall be settled amicably through consultation or negotiation between the Parties.