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**AGREEMENT ON EDUCATIONAL AND CULTURAL CO-OPERATION
BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED MEXICAN STATES AND
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA**

The Government of the United Mexican States and the Government of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, hereinafter referred to as "the Parties",

INSPIRED by the desire to consolidate the links of friendship and understanding which exist between the Governments and peoples of both Parties;

CONVINCED of the significance of reinforcing and expanding their educational, cultural and sports co-operation exchanges;

Have agreed as follows:

ARTICLE I

The purpose of this Agreement is to expand the co-operation through the respective institutions of both Parties in the fields of education, arts, culture, tourism and sports, by carrying out activities which would contribute to a better mutual knowledge of each other's country.

ARTICLE II

The Parties shall encourage co-operation between educational institutions of each country concerned with mother-child, pre-school, basic, junior, senior, special and adults education, through the exchange of specialists, publications and materials which would lead to the eventual implementation of joint co-operation projects.

ARTICLE III

The Parties shall encourage the reciprocal co-operation between universities and other higher educational institutions, research centres and other cultural bodies with a view to undertake joint academic projects and direct co-operation agreements.

ARTICLE IV

The Parties shall facilitate the establishment of reciprocal scholarship schemes that could enable their respective nationals to undertake post-graduate specialisation or research studies in public institutions of higher education in each other's country.

ARTICLE V

The Parties shall award officially valid certificates, university degrees, diplomas and other academic qualifications, in accordance with their respective legal provisions.

ARTICLE VI

The Parties shall improve and raise the knowledge of language, history, geography and culture in general, of the other Party's in their respective schools, universities, educational and cultural institutions.

ARTICLE VII

The Parties shall encourage the exchange of experience in their respective fields of fine arts, performing arts and music.

ARTICLE VIII

The Parties shall facilitate a better and greater knowledge of the literary works and foster the links between their respective publishing houses as well as the implementation of translation projects.

ARTICLE IX

The Parties shall accord due protection in the field of copyrights in respect of literary, academic, artistic, and cultural works created and/or written by authors of their respective countries. They shall also provide the required means and procedures to enable appropriate observance of intellectual property laws in accordance with their respective national regulations and pursuant to international conventions ruling such matters which are binding to both Parties.

ARTICLE X

The Parties, acknowledging the importance of their historical and cultural heritage, shall encourage the establishment of links and co-operation in the fields of restoration, conservation and preservation of such heritage.

ARTICLE XI

The Parties shall co-operate to prevent the illegal importation, exportation and transfer of cultural goods which are part of their cultural heritage, in accordance with their respective national legislation and pursuant to international conventions ruling such matters which are binding to both Parties.

In line with the afore-mentioned, the Parties shall take action to facilitate the return of any such goods illegally imported and exported.

ARTICLE XII

The Parties shall foster appropriate links and co-operation between their respective national archives, libraries and museums in addition to facilitate access to their documentation and information, all in accordance with their respective national legislation.

ARTICLE XIII

The Parties shall encourage co-operation in the field of tourism through the assistance for the development of products relating to ecotourism and adventure tourism, which meet with international standards. The Parties shall also exchange methods and applications on environmental conservation issues in relation to sustainable tourism development.

ARTICLE XIV

The Parties shall support co-operation between their relevant institutions in the areas of radio and television.

ARTICLE XV

The Parties shall support co-operation in the area of cinematography through the exchange of films and encounters among film-makers, cinema experts and specialists, and the participation in film festivals celebrated in both countries.