**AGREEMENT**

**BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF LATVIA**

**AND**

**THE GOVERNMENT OF THE STATE OF KUWAIT**

**ON COOPERATION IN THE FIELD OF CULTURE AND ARTS**

The Government of the Republic of Latvia and the Government of the State of Kuwait, referred to hereinafter as “the Parties”,

desirous to establish and develop cooperation in the field of culture and arts between the two countries, encouraging the exchange of activities and cultural conventions considering cultural diversity and freedom of expression for their people,

have agreed on the following:

**Article 1**

The Parties, in accordance with the principles of equality and mutual benefit and pursuant to their respective laws and regulations and to the international treaties binding to their countries, shall encourage the development of bilateral relations in the field of culture and arts.

**Article 2**

The Parties shall promote mutual understanding between the two countries, for the purpose of maintaining their cultural identity and supporting its development, as well as getting acquainted with cultural expressions of their people, through exchanging visits and activities between organizations, institutions and individuals active in this field.

**Article 3**

The Parties shall promote direct contacts between them in the field of music, literature and translation, visual and applied arts, cinema, architecture and design, museums, libraries, archives, folk art and other fields of culture and arts.

**Article 4**

The Parties shall encourage participation in book exhibitions held in the two countries. Details shall be agreed upon through diplomatic channels.

**Article 5**

The Parties shall promote participation of artists and experts in the field of arts in festivals, competitions, events, exhibitions, conferences, symposia, seminars, training courses and any other cultural events in the territory of the state of any of the Parties.

**Article 6**

The Parties shall encourage the exchange of art exhibitions and other displays of a cultural, educational and documentary nature.

**Article 7**

The Parties shall encourage the exchange of theatrical groups’ visits, as well as exchanging visits of artists and scholars in the field of theatre between the two countries.

**Article 8**

The Parties shall encourage the exchange of visits of music and folklore groups, as well as exchanging visits of artists and scholars in the fields of music and folklore between the two countries.

**Article 9**

1. The Parties shall encourage cooperation between museums, archeological research institutions and institutions involved in protection and restoration of cultural heritage.

2. The Parties shall encourage the exchange of experience and cooperation in the fields of restoration, protection and conservation of cultural heritage, as well as facilitate exchanging visits of experts and specialists in the field of heritage and museums between the two countries that shall be organized through separate consultations between the Parties.

**Article 10**

The Parties shall encourage cooperation, including research activities, the exchange of publications and experts, between libraries governed by the state or local authorities of the two countries in spheres of mutual interest.

**Article 11**

All financial costs consequent of holding cultural activities between the two countries shall be covered upon mutual consent between the Parties.

**Article 12**

Any dispute that might arise from the interpretation or application of this Agreement shall be settled by mutual consultations or negotiations between the Parties through diplomatic channels.

**Article 13**

This Agreement may be amended by mutual written consent of the Parties at any time. The amendments shall enter into force in accordance with the procedure prescribed in the first paragraph of Article 14.

**Article 14**

1. This Agreement is concluded for an indefinite period of time. It shall enter into force on the date of the receipt of the last written notice through diplomatic channels confirming that the internal procedures for the entry into force of this Agreement are fulfilled.

2. Either Party may terminate this Agreement by giving a written notice to the other Party through diplomatic channels 6 (six) months prior to the date of expiration.

3. The termination of this Agreement shall not affect the initiated or ongoing activities and projects under this Agreement and not yet completed at the time of such termination.

Done in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ on the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ 20\_\_, in two original copies, both in Latvian, Arabic and English languages, all texts being equally authentic. In case of any divergence in interpretation of this Agreement, the English text shall prevail.

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