

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**  
**IN THE FIELD OF CULTURE**  
**BETWEEN**  
**THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION, SCIENCE, CULTURE AND SPORT**  
**OF THE REPUBLIC OF ARMENIA**  
**AND**  
**THE PONTIFICAL COUNCIL FOR CULTURE OF THE HOLY SEE**

The Ministry of Education, Science, Culture and Sport of the Republic of Armenia and the Pontifical Council for Culture of the Holy See, hereinafter referred to as “the Participating Authorities”,

Convinced that cooperation in the field of culture will contribute to the common good,

Have approved the following mutual understandings:

**Article 1**

The Participating Authorities will foster the development of cultural ties by:

- a. Encouraging and strengthening cooperation and contact between institutions and organizations in the field of culture;
- b. Encouraging and enhancing the exchange of information on culture;
- c. Promoting other measures to strengthen studies and research in all areas of culture.

## **Article 2**

The Participating Authorities shall support the establishment of direct contacts in the fields of:

- Cultural heritage,
- Intangible cultural heritage,
- Literature and Publishing,
- Library,
- Visual Arts, Museum and Gallery,
- Music,
- Theatre,
- Film,
- Sport.

## **Article 3**

The Participating Authorities shall foster collaboration in the field of Cultural Heritage:

- by favouring initiatives to exchange knowhow in the area of management and protection of religious sites and collections, including in museums, libraries and archives, and to raise public awareness about religious and ecclesiastical cultural assets, including movable assets and intangible heritage;
- encouraging professional exchanges in the field of conservation, protection and promotion of heritage.

## **Article 4**

The Participating Authorities will encourage the participation of their representatives at seminars, conferences, events and other cultural activities organized by the Government of Armenia and by the Holy See.

## Article 5

This Memorandum shall enter into force from the date of its signature and shall remain in force for a period of two years at the end of which it may be renewed. Termination of this Memorandum shall become effective six months following the day of receiving the notification from the other Participating Authority. The termination of this Memorandum shall not prejudice the completion of any on-going projects under this Memorandum unless the Participating Authorities decide otherwise.


At the initiative and written consent of the Participating Authorities, amendments can be made to this Memorandum, which shall form an integral part thereof.

The present Memorandum does not create any international legal obligations for the Participating Authorities.

Signed in the Vatican, on October 11, 2021 in two original copies in the English language, both texts being equally authentic.



For the Ministry of Education, Science,  
Culture and Sport  
of the Republic of Armenia



For the Pontifical Council for Culture  
of the Holy See