

AGREEMENT

between The Government of the Sultanate of Oman
and The Government of the Russian Federation
on cooperation in the field of
culture, science, education, tourism and youth

The Government of the Sultanate of Oman and the Government of the Russian Federation, hereinafter referred to as the Parties,

striving for further development of bilateral relations between the two countries and their peoples,

desirous of strengthening direct ties between their peoples,

encouraging mutually beneficial cooperation in the field of culture, science, education, tourism and youth,

have agreed as follows:

Article 1

The Parties shall develop cultural cooperation on the basis of reciprocity in accordance with the legislation and regulations applicable in their countries.

Article 2

The Parties shall promote among their peoples greater knowledge of the art, literature, theater, cinematography, music, painting, handicrafts and other cultural activities of the other country. To this end they shall encourage:



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- arrangement for tours of professional and amateur artistic groups;
- establishing contacts between creative organizations and associations in the field of culture;
- organization of art exhibitions.

Article 3

The Parties shall assist in developing cooperation between the libraries, museums and archival institutions.

To this end they shall provide opportunities to use librarian and archival materials and museum exhibits, and shall reciprocally exchange information concerning culture and history of the two countries.

Article 4

The Parties shall promote studies of languages, culture and history of the two countries.

Article 5

In accordance with the rules of international law and their national legislation the Parties shall take the necessary measures to prevent illicit traffic of objects of cultural value of both countries and assure cooperation between competent authorities in exchange of information on these objects of cultural value and their return.

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Article 6

The Parties shall develop cooperation in the field of copyright in accordance with applicable laws and regulations of both countries and their international commitments.

Article 7

The Parties shall develop relations between research institutions of both countries, including:

- exchange of scholars and experts in the field of science and education;
- reciprocal provision for scholars and experts with the opportunity to use libraries, documentation centers, archives, museums for purposes consistent with the present Agreement;
- creation of conditions for participation of scientists of both countries in seminars, conferences and symposia on the themes of mutual interest;
- provision for scholars and experts with the opportunity to get acquainted with the scientific achievements of the other country.

Article 8

The Parties shall cooperate in the field of education by:

- providing assistance in the training of specialists from among the citizens of the other country;
- reciprocal assignment of scholars for the purpose of research activities, scientific training, collection of material, participation in upgrading course, lecturing and other teaching activities;
- exchange of students and post-graduates for studies and training.

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Article 9

The Parties shall strive to develop various forms of cooperation in the field of issue, translation and distribution of published material, including exchange of book exhibitions; they shall also encourage reciprocal participation in international book fairs held in the territories of their states, observing the respective legislation of the other country.

Article 10

The Parties shall assist in developing direct cooperation between various institutions and organizations in the field of mass media and press, as well as in providing information materials on mutually agreed terms.

Article 11

The Parties shall encourage cooperation in the field of radio and TV programme exchanges by:

- exchange, translation and broadcasting of radio and television reports, covering national holidays and important events in each country; these reports shall be sent in advance at the expense of the sending Party;
- encouragement of the exchange of cultural, historic and educational radio and TV programmes in accordance with the legislation of both countries in force.

Article 12

The Parties shall create favorable conditions for development and encouragement of cooperation and contacts between youth organizations of both countries.

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Article 13

The Parties shall make efforts to develop cooperation in the field of sports and physical fitness by:

- establishment of direct contacts between competent authorities, sports organizations, associations and clubs of both countries;
- participation of athletes of one country in competitions in the territory of the other country;
- exchange of sports teams, athletes and coaches.

Article 14

The Parties shall encourage and promote tourism between the two countries.

Article 15

For the purpose of implementation of the present Agreement the Parties shall develop working programmes to be signed on behalf of the Parties alternately in the capitals of both countries.

The Parties shall set up a Joint Working Commission for the implementation of the present Agreement and elaboration of programmes of cultural and scientific cooperation for the period of several years. The Joint commission shall hold sessions alternately in Moscow and Muscat.

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Article 16

The present Agreement shall enter into force on the date of exchange of the documents on implementation of national procedures required for its entry into force, and shall be valid for five years and automatically extended for subsequent five-year periods until one of the Parties notifies in writing the other Party of its intention to terminate the present Agreement not later than six months before the expiration of the respective period.

In case of termination of the Agreement its provisions regarding any programmes or exchanges, arrangements or projects, which have been undertaken under the present Agreement, but have not been completed by the date of its cancellation, shall remain valid.

Done in Muscat on Monday, 14 February, 2000, which corresponds to the day of 8th Dhul-Qi'dah, the Year 1420 of Hijra, in two copies, each in the Russian, Arabic and English languages, all texts being equally authentic. In case of conflict in interpretation the English text shall have precedence.



**For the Government
of the Russian Federation**



**For the Government
of the Sultanate of Oman**