

AGREEMENT

BETWEEN

THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF LATVIA

AND

THE GOVERNMENT OF THE STATE OF ISRAEL

IN THE FIELDS OF EDUCATION, CULTURE AND SCIENCE

The Government of the Republic of Latvia and the Government of the State of Israel, (hereinafter referred to as the "Contracting Parties"),

Desiring to strengthen and develop the friendly relations between the two countries and their peoples;

Being convinced that exchanges of cooperation in the fields of education, science and culture as well as in other related fields can contribute to better mutual knowledge and understanding between the peoples of Latvia and Israel;

Have agreed as follows:

Article 1

The Contracting Parties shall encourage the development of relations between their two countries by:

a) encouraging and facilitating direct cooperation, contacts and exchanges between individuals, universities, institutions and organizations concerned with education in the two countries;

b) encouraging and facilitating the study of and instruction of the language and literature of the other Contracting Party;

c) encouraging and facilitating cooperation and exchanges in teaching methods and materials, curriculum development and examinations;

d) providing scholarships and promoting other means to facilitate study and research.

Article 2

The Contracting Parties shall encourage and facilitate the development of exchanges and research on problems of mutual interest in the fields of science, and technology, including direct cooperation between scientific and research institutions in the two countries.

Article 3

The Contracting Parties shall promote exchange of information, documents and publications concerning education, culture and science.

Article 4

The Contracting Parties shall invite each other to the international congresses, colloquia, symposia, seminars and other similar meetings held in each other's country.

Article 5

In order to promote the knowledge of the other Party's language and/or culture the Contracting Parties shall invite each other to summer courses in language, literature and culture held in the two countries.

Article 6

The Contracting Parties shall encourage the exchange of educational material on culture, history and geography in order to give each other correct and adequate information about their respective countries.

Article 7

The Contracting Parties shall encourage cooperation between their national libraries and museums, and the exchange of publications in fields of common interest.

Article 8

The Contracting Parties shall exchange information on the artistic events and festivals organized in their respective countries and encourage their representatives to participate in those events.

Article 9

The Contracting Parties shall study the possibility of exchanging exhibitions in the fields of fine and applied arts on the basis of reciprocity.

Article 10

In the field of the performing arts, the Parties shall encourage their representatives to participate in musical and other cultural events held in each others' country.

Article 11

The Contracting Parties shall promote cooperation in the fields of archaeology, museology and the preservation and restoration of historical monuments and will exchange publications in the respective fields.

Article 12

The Contracting Parties shall encourage direct contacts between the radio and television authorities of both countries and will promote exchanges of programmes.

Article 13

The Contracting Parties shall encourage direct cooperation between sports and youth organisations in the two countries in order to promote the exchange of delegations, teams, trainers, experts and students as well as information and documents in various branches of sports and youth activities.

Article 14

For the implementation of this Agreement a Joint Committee comprising of representatives of both Contracting Parties shall be established. The Joint Committee shall convene every two years, alternately in Riga and Jerusalem.

The Joint Committee shall:

- determine priorities of cooperation;
- study problems that may arise during or as a result of the implementation of this Agreement;
- develop specific programmes of bilateral cooperation for the forthcoming two year period;
- determine the financial aspects of the programmes of cooperation.

Article 15


The present Agreement shall enter into force on the date of the latter of the diplomatic Notes by which the Contracting Parties notify each other that their internal legal requirements for the entering into force of the Agreement have been complied with.

The Agreement shall be in force for a period of five years, automatically renewable for additional periods of five years each, unless one of the Contracting Parties notifies the other in writing, six months before the date of expiration, of its intention to terminate the Agreement.

Done at Jerusalem the 27th of February 1994 which corresponds to the 16th of Adar 5754, in two original copies in the Latvian, Hebrew and English languages, all texts being equally authentic. In case of divergency of interpretation, the English text shall prevail.

For the Government of
the Republic of Latvia




For the Government of
the State of Israel