PROGRAMME FOR CULTURAL CO-OPERATION BETWEEN
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF INDIA AND
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE HELLENIC REPUBLIC
FOR THE YEARS 2018-2020

The Government of the Republic of India and the Government of the Hellenic Republic, hereinafter referred to as ‘the Parties’;

Desirous of strengthening and developing the friendly relations and co-operation between the two countries and their people;

On the basis of the Cultural Agreement between the Government of the Republic of India and the Government of the Hellenic Republic, signed in Athens on 22nd June 1961;

Have agreed upon the following Programme for Cultural Co-operation for the period 2018-2020:

I. HISTORY AND ART HISTORY

1. During the term of this Programme, both Parties shall exchange one (1) historian for a period of up to fifteen (15) months for conducting academic research.

2. Both Parties shall exchange and make available to the scholars, books, periodicals, microfilms of archival sources so as to help the scholars with their research work in their corresponding research fields.

3. The competent authorities of both countries shall point out the books/historical sources available in their countries, pertaining to the history and culture of the other Party. The material to be selected for translation to encourage the interest of scholars shall also be identified by each country.

4. Both Parties shall hold common seminars/symposia in the field of history and culture, alternatively, in the two countries.
5. Both Parties shall undertake joint research programmes of mutual interest pertaining to the ancient, medieval and modern history.

II. ARCHIVES AND LIBRARIES

6. The National Library of Greece and the National Library of India shall examine the possibility of signing a Memorandum of Understanding that shall address all operating procedures and guide joint activities between them on the basis of the principle of fairness, reciprocity and mutual benefit.

7. The National Library of Greece shall examine, on an ad hoc basis, petitions by Universities and Research Centers to exchange books, grant research access to its collections, offer internship opportunities, participate in book exhibitions of common interest, exchange best practices regarding the field of library and information science and the field of preservation and restoration of manuscripts and printed material.

The Parties shall encourage contacts and cooperation in areas of mutual interest between their respective National Archives in accordance with their respective national legislation as well as the established international archival practices.

III. ART, CULTURE AND CULTURAL HERITAGE

8. Both Parties shall encourage participation in international book fairs to be held in the other country.

9. Both Parties shall encourage exchange of two (2) or three (3) persons in various fields of culture (literature, fine arts, theatre, music, dance, folk art, folklore, etc.), in order to exchange information and experience on issues of their speciality.

10. Both Parties shall encourage publishers of both countries to translate and publish literary works of the other country. They shall encourage exchange of one (1) expert in this field (publisher or translator).
11. Both Parties shall encourage the exchange of theater groups, so that they participate in the cultural activities of the other country. Details shall be determined through diplomatic channels.

12. Both Parties shall encourage exchange of exhibition of contemporary art, sculptures or photography. Details shall be determined through diplomatic channels.

13. Both Parties shall invite experts from the other side to participate in International seminars, symposia, conferences, camps, residencies etc. on culture and arts.

14. Both Parties shall encourage exchange of two (2) archaeologists specialized in prehistoric, classical or byzantine archaeology and one (1) museologist in order to exchange information and experience on issues of their speciality.

15. Both Parties shall exchange publication, brochures, etc. on art, culture, museums and mythology.

16. Both Parties shall encourage exchange of two (2) or three (3) experts in the field of protection, conservation, restoration and enhancement of movable and immovable cultural heritage, as also to study the effect of atmospheric pollution on the decay of stone monuments and sculptures, in order to be informed on methods and techniques of their speciality.

    The Parties shall exchange ideas about techniques concerning the restoration of monuments. They shall promote the restoration of monuments within a particular framework of principles and techniques in order to preserve their authenticity and integrity. Debate related to the philosophy of interventions should be promoted.

17. Both Parties shall encourage exchange of a folklore exhibition. They shall encourage organisation of handicraft exhibition with live demonstrations on a reciprocal basis. Details shall be agreed upon through diplomatic channels.
The Parties shall also encourage cooperation in the field of research, promotion and safeguarding of Intangible Cultural Heritage, which can effectively contribute to sustainable development. They will exchange best practices and information related to cultural policies and programmes implemented by ethnological or folk art museums.

IV. MASS MEDIA

18. Both Parties shall encourage and promote organization of Film weeks in each other's country. They shall encourage participation in each other's International Film Festivals by sending films and delegations.

19. Both Parties shall observe each other's National Days by broadcasting special messages on the occasion. This activity shall be coordinated through the foreign offices of both countries.

20. Both Parties shall provide technical facilities to each other's coverage team during VIP visits or other events on reciprocal basis.

21. Both Parties shall endeavour to strengthen relations between their national broadcasting organisations by exchange of programmes, professionals and utilizing training expertise / facilities available.

Both parties shall encourage cooperation and private investments in the field of development of audio-visual production in each other country. In this framework, the Ministry of Digital Policy, Telecommunications and Media of the Hellenic Republic and the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting of the Republic of India intends to provide all possible assistance and flexibility to Indian/Greek filmmakers who will choose Greece/India to shoot a movie or a television series and will ask for support concerning their expenses in the context of a specific audio-visual production in both countries.

22. Both Parties shall encourage the exchange of visits of senior officials and experts in the field of multi media publicity, advertising in Government / social sector and broadcasting on reciprocal basis.
23. Both Parties shall encourage exchange of journalists for a period not exceeding two weeks.

24. Both Parties shall exchange books / journals in English on various topics such as history, religion, culture and art. The interactions may be on the basis of marketing each other's book, participation in book fairs etc.

V. YOUTH AND SPORTS

25. The Parties shall encourage cooperation in the field of youth affairs by promoting exchange of governmental experts for sharing best practices and information related to youth policies, youth development programmes and youth organisations of the other party.

26. Both Parties acknowledge the importance of sports as a means of consolidating world peace and promoting brotherhood and friendship among peoples and individuals.

They also acknowledge the significant educational, social, and recreational mission of sports, as well as its particular contribution to public health.

The Parties shall encourage broader cooperation in the field of sports and physical education and promote direct contact and cooperation between state sports organisations in both countries. The collaboration will be determined through diplomatic channels.

The Parties shall promote joint initiatives between international sport federations, in order to further enhance transparency and good governance of sport.

VI GENERAL AND FINANCIAL PROVISIONS

27. GENERAL PROVISIONS

(a) Exchange of individuals
Persons to be exchanged in accordance with the provisions of this Programme shall be nominated by the sending Party, which shall notify the receiving Party of this nomination, three (3) months prior to the proposed departure date. The sending Party shall also supply the receiving Party with all necessary information on the academic and professional qualifications, as well as the proposed working programme, duration of stay and any other information that might be useful.

The receiving Party shall notify the sending Party of its decision, at least thirty (30) days prior to the proposed departure date. Upon receipt of the consent of the receiving Party, the sending Party shall communicate the exact departure date, at least fifteen (15) days in advance.

Visitors exchanged within the context of this Programme in the field of cultural co-operation shall be required to have a good command of the language of the host country or English.

(b) Exchange of Exhibitions

The sending Party shall inform the receiving Party at least twelve (12) months in advance about the dates and the subject of the exhibition under preparation. To make proper arrangements for the exhibition, the sending party shall provide essential technical information on the intended exhibition, as well as material necessary for the printing of the catalogue (preface, list of exhibits, photographs, etc.) at least three (3) months before the inauguration. Exhibits shall reach the place of destination at least fifteen (15) days before the inauguration.

28. FINANCIAL PROVISIONS

(a) Exchange of individuals

The sending Party shall provide international travel expenses, the receiving Party shall provide boarding, food and internal travel expenses, as well as emergency expenses.
(b) Exchange of exhibitions

1. The sending Party shall bear the cost of transportation of the exhibition to and from the capital of the receiving Party. The modalities for covering the cost of transportation of the exhibitions within the territory of the receiving Party, in case they will be organized in more than one town, shall be regulated by a special agreement between the institutions concerned of the two parties.

2. The receiving Party shall bear the cost of the organisation of the exhibition, including the costs of renting halls, security technical assistance (storage facilities, installation arrangements, lighting, heating, dismantling and printing of publications, such as posters, catalogues and invitations). The receiving Party shall also provide publicity to the exhibition.

3. The sending Party shall bear the cost of insurance of the exhibits during the transportation and the exhibition. In case of damage, the receiving Party shall provide the sending Party free of charge with complete documentation referring to the cause of damage, in order to facilitate the sending Party in claiming damages from the insurance company. The receiving Party is not authorized to restore the damaged exhibits to their original state without the consent of the sending Party.

4. Expenses related to the visit of a commissioner and, when necessary, of persons whose attendance will be required for the installation and the dismantling of the exhibition, shall be regulated according to the financial provisions of this Programme.

The two Parties shall agree upon the number of persons accompanying the exhibitions and upon the duration of their stay.

VII MISCELLANEOUS
29. All provisions and activities laid down in this Programme shall be implemented in accordance with the rules and regulation of both countries.

30. The provisions of this Programme shall not preclude the two Parties from agreeing, through diplomatic channels, on other arrangements which they may deem desirable.

31. The present Programme shall enter into force on the day of the last written notification by which the two Parties shall inform each other, through diplomatic channels, of the completion of any internal procedures required by their internal legislation for its entry into force. It shall remain in force until the 31st of December 2020, whereupon it shall continue to apply until the entry into force of a new Programme.

32. Before the expiry of the term of this Programme a Joint Indian-Greek Committee shall meet to review the implementation of the cultural Programme signed and to discuss and sign a new cultural Programme.

33. Either Party may terminate this Programme by giving written notice to the other Party Six (6) months in advance. The termination of this Programme shall not prejudice the completion of any on-going programmes and projects under this Programme unless the Parties decide otherwise.

Signed in Athens on the 18th of June 2018 in two originals in English.

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