

**Memorandum of Understanding  
between**

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Ministry of Culture  
of the Republic of Latvia

and

Ministry of Culture and Youth  
of the United Arab Emirates

on

**Cooperation in the Field of Culture**

The Ministry of Culture of the Republic of Latvia and the Ministry of Culture and Youth of the United Arab Emirates, (hereinafter referred to as “The Parties”),

Desiring to consolidate and enhance relationships as well as the mutual understanding between the people of the two countries, through cooperation in the field of culture,

Recognizing the fruitful effect of promoting the mutual knowledge and full understanding of the culture of each other, as well as the importance of culture and the role of cultural dialogue and cultural events in the preservation of national identity with strengthening and promoting of friendship and cooperation relations,

Have agreed to enter into this Memorandum of Understanding (hereinafter referred to as “The MOU”) as per the following terms:

### **Article 1**

Through signing this MOU, the Parties hereby seek to lay a solid foundation of cooperation between the Parties in the field of culture, in particular concerning the monuments, heritage, visual and performing arts, music, film industry, theater, folklore arts, museums and libraries in order to expand their knowledge of national identity, culture and arts of both of them, as well as direct cooperation between the cultural and creative industries to strengthen ties between the two countries and develop direct contacts between both Parties’ cultural institutions which brings together professionals.

## **Article 2**

1. The Parties will seek to cooperate in respect of achieving the objectives mentioned in Article 1 of this MOU through the following:

- a) exchange of experiences, information and experts in the field of culture, in particular concerning the monuments, heritage, visual and performing arts, museums, libraries and cultural and creative industries;
- b) cooperation between libraries;
- c) participation in the cultural and artistic activities and events;
- d) any other form of cooperation mentioned in the MOU.

2. The Parties will promote the cooperation between the competent authorities for raising awareness of national identity, culture, heritage and arts of both countries.

## **Article 3**

The Parties will exchange experiences to facilitate the implementation of international conventions in the framework of the United Nations Educational Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) and other relevant international agreements related to the monuments, heritage, arts, libraries and direct cooperation between the cultural and creative industries and in supporting talents ratified by the Parties and in accordance with the national legislations of their respective countries.



## **Article 4**

1. The Parties will invite, on the basis of reciprocity, competent officials, scholars, experts and researchers related to the areas mentioned in this MOU to exchange experiences and carry out activities in pursuance of the mentioned international treaties by national agencies, institutions and organizations to this end.

2. To achieve this purpose, the Parties will encourage the following:

- a) exchange of visits between officials working in the field of culture and the intellectuals of both countries;
- b) exchange of books and publications related to the culture of both countries;
- c) exchange of participation in the activities related to the monuments, heritage, visual and performing arts of both countries;
- d) exchange of bibliographic information, audio and video recordings that constitute the heritage, music and arts of both countries;
- e) exchange of visits by performance groups (film industry, theater, music, and folklore arts) of both countries;
- f) exchange of the best practices on the efforts of the Parties in preparing and implementing national strategies for development in the field of culture and cultural and creative industries, and talent development through coordinating workshops and training, and exchanging studies and research;
- g) exchange of the best practices (in the areas mentioned in this MOU), and encourage cooperation between specialized institutions of both countries in the field of handicrafts, and implement specialized programs;
- h) any cultural or artistic activities which may be decided by the competent institutions of the Parties in order to achieve the objectives of this MOU.

### **Article 5**

1. Financial and organizational arrangements of cultural events under this MOU will be subject to separate agreements between competent organizations and cultural institutions.

2. Financial issues and the mutual commitments of reciprocal exhibitions under this MOU (the transportation, the insurance costs related to exhibits, customs, storage and security, etc.) will be agreed in each case by the competent organizations of the Parties and enshrined in separate agreements.

### **Article 6**

Any disagreement arising between the Parties from the interpretation or implementation of this MOU will be settled amicably through consultations and negotiations, in the spirit of cooperation between them.

### **Article 7**

This MOU is not considered as an international treaty and does not create rights and obligations under international law.

### **Article 8**

This MOU may be amended by written consent of the Parties, and this amendment will come into effect from the date of its signing or as determined by the Parties after considering the legal procedures in force in both countries.

## Article 9

1. This MOU will be applied for five (5) years from the date of its signing. Either Party may terminate this MOU upon written notification sent to the other Party. The application of this MOU will be terminated six (6) months after the date when the other Party receives this notification.

2. Termination of this MOU will not affect the ongoing activities or standing events unless the Parties decided otherwise.

## Article 10

This MOU is signed in two (2) original Copies, each in the Latvian, Arabic and English languages, whereas each text being equally authentic. In case of divergence of interpretation, the English text shall prevail.

IN WITNESS, WHEREOF, the authorized representatives of the Parties have signed this MOU in the city of Dubai, dated 23.02.2022.

**For**

Ministry of Culture  
Republic of Latvia  
State Secretary

Dace Vilsons

Signature:



**For**

Ministry of Culture and Youth  
United Arab Emirates  
Undersecretary

Mubarak Al Nakhi

Signature:

