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AGREEMENT ESTABLISHING A CULTURAL AND SOCIAL CENTRE FOR THE ASIAN AND PACIFIC REGION

MULTILATERAL

CULTURAL AND SOCIAL CENTRE FOR THE ASIAN AND PACIFIC REGION

Agreement done at Canberra 1 August 1968; Entered into force 1 August 1968.

The Contracting Parties being members of the Asian and Pacific Council (hereinafter called "the Council"),

Recognizing that the Governments and peoples of the Asian and Pacific Region have a common interest in strengthening the existing bonds of solidarity among them and in co-operating to achieve their common objectives in various fields,

Being convinced that all countries of the region will benefit from the widening and deepening of mutual understanding and appreciation of their cultural heritages and civilizations,

Desiring to give effect to the decision of the Ministerial Meeting of the Council at its Second Session held in Bangkok from 5th to 7th July, 1967, that a Cultural and Social Centre for the Asian and Pacific Region should be established,

Have agreed as follows:

ARTICLE I

ESTABLISHMENT OF THE CULTURAL AND SOCIAL CENTRE

1. There is hereby established a Cultural and Social Centre for the Asian and Pacific Region (hereinafter called "the Centre").
2. The Centre shall be located at Seoul and shall operate in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement.

ARTICLE 11

PURPOSE

The purpose of the Centre is to promote friendly relations and mutual understanding among the peoples of the Asian and Pacific Region through the furtherance of collaboration in cultural and related social fields.

ARTICLE III

FUNCTIONS

In order to fulfill its purpose the centre may undertake the following activities in cultural and related social fields:

- (i) Make recommendations on measures for achieving closer understanding between member governments of the Centre (hereinafter called "Members");
- (ii) Assist Members to co-ordinate appropriate research programmes of their countries;
- (iii) Collect and disseminate information on relevant activities of the countries of Members;
- (iv) Act as a clearing house of information in respect of research activities in the countries of Members in the social and human sciences;
- (v) Promote programmes within its field of interest which encourage personal contacts and exchanges of ideas among the peoples of the region;
- (vi) Encourage and sponsor the holding of lectures, seminars, symposia and similar activities;
- (vii) Encourage and sponsor concerts, cultural exhibitions and theatrical performances in the region;
- (viii) Arrange for translations into the languages of the countries of Members of works of special distinction of the region;
- (ix) Study measures for the preserve lion of the cultural heritages of the countries of Members;
- (x) Co-ordinate and encourage as appropriate the activities of Members in the region, including training schemes;
- (xi) Foster co-operation between appropriate institutions;
- (xii) Establish awards for activities which contribute to the development of regional understanding;
- (xiii) Act as a repository for reference material of the countries of Members.

ARTICLE IV

MEMBERSHIP

1. Members and observers of the Council shall be entitled to membership in the Centre and shall become Members upon signature of this Agreement.
2. Governments which are neither members nor observers of the Council shall be admitted to membership in the Centre by the approval of the Council and the subsequent deposit of an instrument of accession to this Agreement.

ARTICLE V

ORGANIZATION

The Centre shall have an Executive Board (hereinafter called "the Board") and a Secretariat.

ARTICLE VI

EXECUTIVE BOARD

1. The Board shall be composed of one representative of each of the Members of the Centre designated by the respective government.

2. The Board shall have the following powers and functions:

(i) to adopt the Work Programme and the annual budget of revenue and expenditure of the Centre;

(ii) to approve the annual report on the operation and the annual financial report on revenue and expenditure of the Centre, submitted by the Director;

(iii) to report to the Council on the Work Programme, budget and activities of the Centre;

(iv) to appoint the Director of the Centre;

(v) to arrange for the auditing of the accounts of the Centre;

(vi) to make recommendations referred to in Article III (i);

(vii) to approve agreements or arrangements referred to in Article XII of this Agreement;

(viii) to receive assistance referred to in Article XIII of this Agreement.

3. The Board shall hold an annual meeting in Seoul and such other meetings as may be required in accordance with its rules of procedure.

4. The Board shall elect the Chairman and Vice-Chairman in accordance with its rules of procedure.

5. The representative of each Member shall have one vote in the Board.

Except as otherwise provided in this Agreement, all matters before the Board shall be decided by a majority of the representatives present and voting. The Work Programme referred to in paragraph 2 (i) and recommendations referred to in paragraph 2 (vi) of this Article shall be decided by a unanimous vote of the total number of representatives of the Members.

6. A quorum for the meetings of the Board shall be a majority of the representatives of the Members.

7. The Board shall establish its own rules of procedure on the convening and operation of its meetings, the election of the Chairman and the Vice-Chairman, the appointment of the Director and other necessary matters.

8. The inaugural meeting of the Board shall be called by the Government of the Republic of Korea within three months after the coming into force of this Agreement.

ARTICLE VII

RELATIONSHIP WITH THE COUNCIL

The Council shall have the power to determine the general policies of the Centre. .

ARTICLE VIII

SECRETARIAT

1. The Secretariat shall consist of a Director and such staff as may be approved by the Board.
2. The Director shall be appointed upon the recommendation of a Member for a term of three years under such conditions as the Board may determine. He shall be eligible for re-appointment. His appointment however shall not exceed two consecutive terms.
3. The Director shall assist the Board, to which he shall be responsible, and, for this purpose, shall, in addition to the powers assigned to him expressly by this Agreement, exercise all the powers delegated to him by the Board.
4. The Director shall be the legal representative of the Centre.
5. The Director shall participate, without voting rights, in meetings of the Board and may be invited to attend meetings of the Council.
6. The Director shall be the chief executive officer of the Secretariat. He shall be responsible to the Board for the formulation of the Work Programme and budget estimates and for carrying out the work of the Centre.
7. The Director shall appoint the staff of the Secretariat in accordance with staff regulations to be approved by the Board. In appointing professional staff, the Director shall, subject to the need to secure the highest standards of integrity, efficiency and technical competence, pay due regard to the recruitment of staff on as wide a regional geographical basis as possible.
8. The Director and the members of the staff of the Centre, in the discharge of their offices, owe their duty entirely to the Centre and to no other authority. They shall not seek or receive instructions from any government or from any authority external to the Centre.
9. Rules and regulations governing the administration, organization and financial affairs of the Centre shall be decided by the Director with the approval of the Board.

ARTICLE IX

WORKING AND FISCAL YEAR

The working and fiscal year of the Centre shall begin on the first day of July and end on the thirtieth day of June.

ARTICLE X

BUDGET

1. The budget of the Centre shall be divided into administrative and operational costs as follows:

(a) Administrative Costs