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No. 5717. CULTURAL CONVENTION¹ BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND AND THE IMPERIAL GOVERNMENT OF IRAN. SIGNED AT LONDON, ON 6 MAY 1959

The Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Imperial Government of Iran,

Desiring to conclude a Convention for the purpose of promoting by friendly interchange and co-operation the fullest possible understanding in each of their respective countries of the intellectual, artistic and scientific activities as well as of the history and ways of life of the other country,

Have agreed as follows :

Article I

Each Contracting Government shall encourage as far as possible the creation in its Universities and other educational institutions of Professorial Chairs, other teaching posts and courses in the language, literature and history of the country of the other Contracting Government and in other subjects concerning that country.

Article II

(a) Each Contracting Government shall be permitted to establish and maintain, in the territory of the other, cultural institutes dedicated to the purpose which the present Convention has in view, provided that they comply with the general requirements of the local law with regard to the establishment and maintenance of such institutes. The expression "cultural institutes" shall include organisations or establishments devoted to putting into practice the general aims of the present Convention by means of courses, lectures, concerts, exhibitions, library facilities, gramophone libraries and film libraries.

(b) Each Contracting Government shall give every facility within the limits of its legislation for the importation, into its territory, of equipment

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necessary for the purpose of the present Convention such as pictures and other material for exhibition, books, films and gramophone records.

(c) Each Contracting Government shall give every facility within the limits of its legislation for the importation, into its territory, of equipment such as library equipment, gramophones, tape recorders, radio receivers, film projectors and vehicles which are required for the running of the cultural institutes mentioned in paragraph (a) of this Article.

Article III

The Contracting Governments shall encourage the interchange between their territories of university staff, school teachers, students, research workers, specialists and members of technical institutions.

Article IV

Each Contracting Government shall consider the provision, in its own territory, of awards to enable the nationals of the other Contracting Government to pursue or undertake studies, technical training or research.

Article V

The Contracting Governments shall encourage the closest co-operation between the learned societies and educational and professional organisations of their respective territories for the purpose of giving effect to the present Convention.

Each Contracting Government undertakes to ensure to scholars and students from the territory of the other Contracting Government access, on the same terms as to its own scholars and students, to the monuments, collections, archives, libraries and other learned institutions under State control. Each Government also undertakes, within any limitations which may be agreed upon as appropriate between the parties concerned, and without prejudice to existing laws and regulations, to enable such scholars and students to carry out archaeological field work and excavations.

Article VI

The Contracting Governments shall consider how far and under what conditions degrees, diplomas and certificates issued in the territory of one of them may be accepted as equivalent to corresponding degrees, diplomas and certificates issued in the territory of the other for academic purposes and, in appropriate cases, for professional purposes.