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No. 9291. CULTURAL AGREEMENT¹ BETWEEN THE
GOVERNMENT OF IRELAND AND THE GOVERNMENT
OF THE FRENCH REPUBLIC. SIGNED AT PARIS, ON
4 NOVEMBER 1967

The Government of Ireland and

The Government of the French Republic

Equally desirous of facilitating and developing exchanges between the two
States in the fields of education, literature, the sciences and the arts,

Resolved to put into effect the means necessary for a better reciprocal
knowledge of their languages and culture,

Have agreed upon the following provisions :

Article I

The Contracting Parties shall, in their universities, institutions of higher
education, secondary schools and technical, industrial and commercial teaching
establishments, encourage reciprocally the teaching of the literature and the
culture of the other country.

They shall encourage such teaching, by the high standard of the teaching
personnel concerned with it, by the time devoted to it and by the standard of the
qualifying examinations.

In particular the Government of Ireland shall encourage the teaching of the
French language in the courses given in educational establishments and teacher
training colleges. They shall likewise promote the development of the teaching
of that language in the universities and private institutions and by means of all
out-of-school media, particularly radio and television broadcasts. Similarly, the
Government of the French Republic shall encourage the study of early, middle
and modern Irish in universities or establishments of higher studies in France.

In the implementation of the foregoing provisions the Contracting Parties
shall have regard to the autonomous character of certain of their teaching es-
tablishments.

Article II

The Contracting Parties, recognising the importance of the training of the
teachers entrusted with giving instruction in the culture of the other country,

¹ Came into force on 7 December 1967, the date of the last of the notifications to the effect
that each Party had completed the procedures required by its Constitution, in accordance with
article XIV.