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**AGREEMENT
BETWEEN
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF LITHUANIA
AND
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF ARGENTINA
ON COOPERATION IN THE FIELDS OF CULTURE, EDUCATION,
TOURISM AND SPORT**

The Government of the Republic of Lithuania and the Government of the Republic of Argentina (hereinafter referred to as the “Parties”);

with a view to strengthening friendly relations, mutual understanding and trust between the two countries and their peoples,

seeking to develop relations of both Parties in the fields of culture, art, education, cinema, mass media, sport, youth exchange and tourism,

have agreed as follows:

Article 1

Complying with the international obligations and national legislation, the Parties shall strengthen and promote cooperation of governmental and non-governmental institutions and organisations of the countries of both Parties in the fields of culture, education, tourism, sport, mass media and youth affairs.

Article 2

The Parties shall develop cultural cooperation of both Parties on the basis of mutual benefit. Both Parties shall endeavour to disseminate information on their artistic and cultural values making available those values to the nationals of the Republic of Lithuania and the nationals of the Republic of Argentina, at all levels promoting appropriate public, non-public and private initiatives.

Article 3

The Parties shall promote the establishment of direct cultural relations, and support arrangement of commercial and non-commercial tours of groups of performers of opera, theatre, music, other artistic companies, and professional soloists.

Article 4

The Parties shall give to each other advance and timely notification on conferences, competitions, festivals and other international events in the fields of culture and art arranged in their respective countries.

Article 5

The Parties shall support cooperation of museums, libraries and state archives. In cases when cultural values are to be exported, the Parties shall through diplomatic channels agree on storage of those values. The Parties shall also support direct cooperation between national libraries, especially when exchanging materials on Lithuania and Argentina.

Article 6

The Parties shall promote direct relations and direct cooperation between culture institutions, unions, associations, funds and other culture organisations of creative nature of both Parties, and invite them to sign agreements on cooperation between institutions.

Article 7

The Parties shall support mutual investigation of culture and art, especially of experience gained in the field of literature, by arranging conferences, symposia and

other forums, exchange of specialists and by conducting joint investigations.

Article 8

Taking international and national legislation into consideration, the Parties shall undertake to arrange prevention of illicit import and export of cultural values from one country to another, or their transfer from one location to another, and to ensure cooperation of competent authorities of their countries through adoption of measures related to the title to cultural values and to their return to the country of origin in case of their illicit export or import to any territory of the Parties.

Article 9

The Parties shall promote cooperation in the field of cinematography and, through exchange of films, contribute to the dissemination of their national cinematography art. The Parties shall promote participation of film authors in cinema festivals arranged in the country of the other Party. The Parties shall also promote meetings of cinematography specialists and other professionals of this field.

Article 10

The Parties shall promote cooperation of mass media, especially through signing cooperation agreements between appropriate institutions and professional organisations, joint preparation of printed, video and audio materials, exchange of specialists and arranging exhibitions and fairs.

The Parties shall support cooperation between national radio and television companies of the Republic of Lithuania and the Republic of Argentina, and shall invite them to sign cooperation agreements.

The Parties shall also invite their competent authorities of radio and television to create and present broadcasting on national culture of both Parties.

Article 11

The Parties shall promote the cooperation in the field of the protection of copyright and related rights. Ways and conditions of such cooperation shall be defined by an agreement of both Parties.

Article 12

On the basis of applicable laws, the Parties shall ensure proper conditions for the implementation of this Agreement, as well as for the dissemination of achievements of the other Party in the fields of culture, art, education and sport in mass media.

Article 13

The Parties shall promote direct cooperation between education, sport and studies institutions and training centres, and the exchange of experience:

- a) through the exchange of specialists, investigators, lecturers and students;
- b) through cooperation in the field of professional training.

Specific cooperation and exchange shall proceed by signing cooperation agreements in specific fields between authorities of both Parties and by concluding triennial cooperation programmes.

Article 14

Recognising that knowledge of the other Party's language is an essential factor for the cooperation, the Parties shall support teaching of national languages (Lithuanian and Spanish) of both countries and dissemination of the languages in the framework of general education and professional training, and other training institutions, including training centres for adults, especially through the following activities: