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[TRANSLATION — TRADUCTION]

No. 3839. CULTURAL AGREEMENT¹ BETWEEN ITALY AND SPAIN. SIGNED AT ROME, ON 11 AUGUST 1955

The Italian Government and the Spanish Government, desiring to promote by friendly co-operation and interchange the literary, artistic, scientific and general cultural relations which have existed between their two peoples for many centuries,

Have resolved to conclude an Agreement for this purpose and to this end have appointed plenipotentiaries who, being duly authorized by their respective Governments, have agreed as follows :

Article 1

Each of the High Contracting Parties shall facilitate in every way the maintenance and operation of the existing cultural institutions of the other Party in its territory. The said institutions shall be deemed to include official academies and cultural institutes and those under private sponsorship whose operation depends directly or indirectly on the Government concerned and which are subject to the supreme control or supervision of their Embassy.

The High Contracting Parties may likewise arrange, by agreement and on a basis of reciprocity, for the establishment of further institutions similar to those already in existence.

Article 2

Each of the High Contracting Parties shall likewise facilitate in every way the maintenance and operation of such scholastic institutions of the other Party (secondary and elementary schools) as are already in existence or as may be established in the future by agreement and on a basis of reciprocity.

Article 3

The High Contracting Parties shall grant each other complete exemption from taxes on the transfer of property rights in land and buildings intended for occupation by the institutions referred to in articles 1 and 2, from direct taxes, dues and charges of any kind in respect of the said immovable property and from the corresponding provincial and municipal taxes.

¹ Came into force on 7 February 1957, upon exchange of the instruments of ratification at Madrid, in accordance with article 12.

The High Contracting Parties shall likewise grant each other exemption from customs duties for the importation of furnishings, teaching, study and scientific materials and any other material required for the establishment and operation of the said institutions.

With regard to such other domestic duties as may be payable under each country's laws in respect of legal documents and contracts required for the operation of the said institutions, each Government shall grant to the institutions of the other High Contracting Party the same treatment as to the corresponding institutions of its own country.

The High Contracting Parties likewise undertake to give all possible support and assistance before the competent authorities in matters relating to the disposal and use of buildings and land intended for occupation by the said institutions.

Article 4

The High Contracting Parties shall proceed, on a basis of reciprocity, to improve and develop the teaching of the Italian language and literature in Spain and the Spanish language and literature in Italy through :

- (a) Professorial chairs at universities or higher educational institutes ;
- (b) Readerships and lectureships at universities or higher educational institutes ;
- (c) Teaching posts at secondary schools ;
- (d) Courses.

Wherever possible the posts of reader and lecturer shall be filled by Italian teachers in Spain and by Spanish teachers in Italy.

Article 5

The High Contracting Parties shall establish by agreement conditions for the reciprocal recognition of degrees, diplomas and certificates of all types and at all levels for academic or scholastic purposes and, in such cases as they deem appropriate, for professional purposes.

Article 6

The High Contracting Parties undertake to encourage direct contact between their respective universities, academies and other cultural bodies and to promote and facilitate on a basis of reciprocity :

- (a) The interchange of teachers, lecturers, students and research workers ;
- (b) Holiday courses for students and teachers ;
- (c) The regular interchange of official publications and publications issued by universities, academies, scientific societies and cultural bodies in general ;
- (d) The interchange of fellowship holders.