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## **MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**

**Between**

**THE MINISTRY OF CULTURE OF THE REPUBLIC OF ALBANIA**

**And**

**THE MINISTRY OF CULTURE AND SPORTS OF THE HELLENIC REPUBLIC**

**On**

**COOPERATION IN THE FIELD OF EXCAVATION, CONSERVATION,  
RESTORATION AND MUSEOLOGY PROJECTS OF ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITES  
AND MONUMENTS IN ALBANIA**

The Ministry of Culture of the Republic of Albania ("the MoCA"), represented by the Minister, Mrs. Elva Margariti,

And

The Ministry of Culture and Sports of the Hellenic Republic ("the HMCS"), represented by the Minister, Dr. Styliani Mendoni,

Hereinafter referred to as "The Parties",

Considering the Agreement between the Government of the Republic of Albania and the Government of the Hellenic Republic in the fields of Education, Science, and Culture, signed in Tirana, on 4 November 1998,

Based on Article 4 of the Agreement, which states that the Parties shall "exchange experience and visits of specialists and researchers in the fields of archaeology, museology and protection of cultural heritage" (point f) and "facilitate excavations and cooperate in programmes of survey of archaeological sites, of registration, restoration and conservation of archaeological, architectural and cultural heritage" (point g),

Taking into account their fruitful cooperation and willing to expand it,

*Have reached the following understanding:*

## **Article 1**

### **Object**

This Memorandum of Understanding aims at confirming the commitment of the Parties to cooperate in relation to the design and implementation of joint excavation, restoration, conservation and museology projects of archeological sites located in Albania, including research and educational activities and transfer of know-how and scientific activities.

## **Article 2**

### **Cooperation Framework**

1. The Parties shall work together, within the framework of their respective competencies and capacities, towards the implementation of the purpose set forth in Article 1 of this Memorandum of Understanding.
2. The Parties are committed to fulfill the object of this Memorandum of Understanding subject to the availability of funds for each project which include excavation, restoration, conservation and museology works.
3. The details of each project will require the approval of the Scientific Council of the Archeological Institute of the Republic of Albania (IA), the Albanologic Research Academy (ASA) and the National Institute of Cultural Heritage (IKTK), and in each project the approval of the National Council of Material Cultural Heritage (KTKM).
4. The Parties shall exchange information and cooperate with respect to any joint activity that takes place during the validity of this Memorandum of Understanding and within its framework including, but not limited to:
  - a. announcements and promotion announcements that will be made in the framework of the implementation of this MOU;
  - b. notices on joint contributions of the Parties;
  - c. descriptive texts, visual materials and communications to be used in all activities under the MOU;
  - d. logo and names of the Parties / institutions / entities involved under this MOU.
5. The Parties shall follow the implementation of this MOU and hold joint meetings within its framework in Albania and in Greece. The results of these meetings are agreed between the Parties and their implementation is monitored by the Parties on an ongoing basis.

## **Article 3**

### **Pilot projects**

Within the framework of this Memorandum of Understanding, HMCS, acting through the Ephorate of Antiquities of Ioannina, will undertake pilot projects on excavations, restorations and conservation works in various Archeological Sites in Albania. The details of these actions to be

undertaken will be agreed between the Parties in due course, and as per procedures mentioned in Article 2, Point 3.

#### **Article 4 Communication and Coordination**

The Parties undertake to maintain constant communication between them and to exchange any information necessary for the implementation of this Memorandum. As a rule, communication shall be in writing, including via e-mail.

The Parties contact details are as follows:

For the MoCA:

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Telephone: 00355 4 2223077

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For the HMCS:

Address: Bouboulinas 20-22, 10682, Athens, Greece

Telephone: 00302131322648

E-mail: [minoff@culture.gr](mailto:minoff@culture.gr)

#### **Article 5 Guarantees**

Under this Memorandum of Understanding, the Parties guarantee the following:

1. They shall work together to fulfill the purpose and object of this Memorandum respecting each other and the third parties involved in the Project.
2. All interventions in the framework of this Memorandum will include excavation, restoration and conservation and no project will commence without guarantying any of these three components.
3. The Parties shall keep in good faith all documents, records and other information exchanged between them within the framework of cooperation under this Memorandum.

#### **Article 6 Amendments**

This Memorandum of Understanding may be amended through negotiation and mutual written consent of the Parties.

#### **Article 7**

## Settlement of Disputes

Any disputes arising from the interpretation or the implementation of this Memorandum of Understanding shall be settled amicably by consultations and negotiations between the Parties through diplomatic channels.

### Article 8 Validity

This Memorandum of Understanding enters into force on the date of its signature and shall be valid for a period of five years. It may be terminated at any time by either Party, following a two months prior written notice.

Signed on 23/5/2022, in two originals in English.

**MINISTRY OF CULTURE OF THE  
REPUBLIC OF ALBANIA**

  
**Elva Margariti**  
Minister of Culture



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OF THE HELLENIC REPUBLIC**

  
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