

AGREEMENT

BETWEEN

THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF POLAND

AND

THE GOVERNMENT OF THE STATE OF ISRAEL

ON THE RECIPROCAL ESTABLISHMENT OF CULTURE AND
INFORMATION CENTRES AND THEIR ACTIVITIES

The Government of the Republic of Poland and the Government of the State of Israel, (hereafter referred to as the "Contracting Parties"),

Guided by the will to develop all-round relations between the two countries and peoples,

Desirous to contribute to more intensive cooperation in the fields of culture and science and thus to improve their mutual acquaintance and understanding,

Conscious of the need for continuous efforts to promote peace and friendship among nations,

Basing themselves on the Agreement on Co-operation in culture, science and education signed between them on *22 May 1991*,

Have agreed as follows:-

Article 1

The Contracting Parties shall establish Culture and Information Centres, hereafter referred to as "Centres". The Centre in the Republic of Poland shall be named "The Israel Centre of Culture" and the Centre in the State of Israel shall be named the "Polish Centre of Culture and Information". The Centres may be a part of the Diplomatic Mission of the respective Parties.

In a case that a Center will not be a part of a Diplomatic Mission its status and rules of functioning will be determined in an Exchange of Notes between the Parties.

Article 2

The supervision over the activities of the Centres shall be exercised by the Contracting Parties respectively.

Article 3

The location of the centres in each Contracting Party will be agreed upon and specified by Exchange of Notes.

Article 4

The Centres shall conduct their activities in accordance with the present Agreement and the relevant laws and regulations of the receiving State.

Article 5

Within the framework of their activities, the Centres may do the following:

- 1) arrange information events on the sending State, as well as cultural events and those devoted to scholarly and economic subjects such as public lectures, meetings, seminars, artistic events, exhibitions, and film and video shows.

- 2) keep collections of newspapers, magazines, books, gramophone records, tape recordings, video cassettes and films, available free of charge to individuals and institutions interested. The Centres shall attach particular importance to making available specialized information on science, technology and economic life,
- 3) run general-purpose and instruction of specialized language courses and provide teaching materials for this purpose. The Centres may charge the participants fees in the currency of the receiving State,
- 4) publish programmes of Centre activities and information materials concerning the events arranged. The Centres shall endeavour to publish bulletins on latest achievements in science and technology in the sending State. These bulletins may also contain bibliography and presentation of newly acquired stock of the respective Centres in the fields of culture, science and technology. All of such materials shall be distributed free of charge in the receiving State.

Article 6

Under the present Agreement and subject to the laws and regulations of the respective Contracting Parties, outlets selling souvenirs, plastic art, works and other cultural items as well as newspapers, magazines, books and gramophone records may be established. Details on the establishment of such outlets shall be agreed upon through Exchange of Notes.

Article 7

The Centres shall not conduct activities prohibited by laws and regulations of the receiving State, nor distribute publications or materials unfriendly to that State or to any third State.

Article 8

- 1) The Centres shall be managed by a Director, or in his place a Deputy-Director, both appointed by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of each of the Contracting Parties which shall notify the other Contracting Party thereof through diplomatic channels.
- 2) The Director and Deputy-Director of each Centre shall have diplomatic status, if the sending State notifies the receiving State that they are members of the embassy's diplomatic staff. The rest of the staff appointed to work at the Centre, their number to be agreed upon by the Contracting Parties, shall have the status of members of the embassy's administrative and technical staff if they are appointed as such by the sending State.
- 3) The Centres may also employ local staff; their employment shall be in accordance with the laws and regulations in force in the receiving State.

Article 9

- 1) The relevant organs and institutions of one Contracting party shall support the work of the Centre of the other Contracting Party in fulfilling its objectives.
- 2) The Centres may, within their competence and on matters of their concern, contact appropriate State offices and institutions of the other Contracting Party, which deal with culture, science and technology.

Article 10

The Contracting Parties shall assure free access to the public to the Centres and normal operation of the latter.

Article 11

- 1) The equipment outfit, including technical equipment, materials and Centre property are property of the sending Party.
- 2) Each of the Contracting Parties shall bear the financial costs related to equipping its respective Centre and its activities.

Article 12

The present Agreement shall enter into force upon mutual notification by the Contracting Parties, through the diplomatic channels, of their respective fulfillment of the internal requirements necessary for it to come into force.

Article 13

- 1) The present Agreement shall remain in force for the period of five years, commencing on the date of entry into force as provided in Article 12. It shall be automatically prolonged for further two-year periods unless either of the Contracting Parties terminates it by notification. Such notification shall be made no later than twelve (12) months prior to such termination.
- 2) In the event of termination of the present Agreement, the two Centres shall end their activities upon the Agreement ceasing to be in force.

Done in *Jerusalem* this *22* day of *may* 1991 which
correponds to the *9* day of *Sivan* 5751 in two original
copies in the English, Hebrew and Polish languages all
texts being equally authentic. In case of divergency of
interpretation, the English text shall prevail.

FOR THE GOVERNMENT
OF THE REPUBLIC OF POLAND

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FOR THE GOVERNMENT
OF THE STATE OF ISRAEL

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