

## **AGREEMENT**

### **Between the Government of the Republic of Armenia and the Government of the Republic of Lebanon on co-operation in the fields of higher education and science**

The Government of the Republic of Armenia and the Government of the Republic of Lebanon, hereinafter referred to as the "Contracting Parties",

taking into consideration the provisions of the Agreement "On friendship and co-operation between the Republic of Armenia and the Republic of Lebanon", signed on 20th October 1997, in Yerevan,

guiding by considerations of further development and strengthening of existing traditional friendly specific relations between the peoples of the two countries,

willing to develop and deepen the co-operation in the fields of education and science,

have agreed as follows:

#### **Article 1**

The Contracting Parties shall encourage the development and reinforcement of co-operation in the fields of higher education and science between their countries in accordance with this Agreement, their national legislation and the norms of the international law.

#### **Article 2**

The Contracting Parties will support the establishment and development of direct connections between the higher educational and scientific-research institutions of their countries on the bases of bilateral agreements between these institutions.

#### **Article 3**

The Contracting Parties will encourage the exchange of scientists, professors and students in order to inform each other about achievements and experience of their research and educational institutions in the fields of education and science.

#### **Article 4**

In order to develop and extend the scientific co-operation, the Contracting Parties will facilitate the joint working out and realisation of research programs and projects, the exchange of the results of these programs, scientific and educational information.

## **Article 5**

In order to conduct the study and scientific-research works in the higher educational and research institutions of their countries, by the mutual agreement the Contracting Parties will award scholarships to the another Party.

## **Article 6**

In accordance with their national legislation, the Contracting Parties will negotiate in order to sign agreements concerning the equality of scientific titles and academic degrees.

## **Article 7**

The Contracting Parties will encourage studying and research of the language, literature, history and culture of another country in their educational institutions, and support the exchange of specialists, study-methodical materials and textbooks.

## **Article 8**

The Contracting Parties will encourage the mutual co-operation in the fields of education and science in frame of activities of international organisations.

## **Article 9**

In order to develop Armenian Studies in Lebanon the Contracting Parties will undertake actions for establishment of the Armenian Studies Faculty in one of the Universities of Lebanon and also will encourage its further operating.

## **Article 10**

In accordance with the national legislation of the both countries and mutually agreed conditions, the Contracting Parties will facilitate in their countries, the organisation and functioning of branches of educational and research institutions of another Party.

## **Article 11**

In order to strengthen and draw together connections among the youth, the Contracting Parties will encourage the co-operation between the students' organisations and young scientists of both countries.

## **Article 12**

For the realization of this Agreement the Contracting Parties will work and carry out the appropriate Working Programs. These Programs can be annual or long-term. Programs will be applied since the signing by the authorized representatives of the Contracting Parties.

### **Article 13**

This Agreement can be changed or supplemented by the mutual consent of the Contracting parties, and all changes and additions will be designed in the form of a Protocol. The Protocol will be an inseparable part of this Agreement and will come into force in established order in which this Agreement enters into force.

### **Article 14**

In case of any contradiction between the Contracting Parties connected with the commentary or applying of this Agreement will be solved by means of negotiations and consultations.

### **Article 15**

This Agreement shall enter into force on the day of mutual notification in writing by the Contracting Parties through diplomatic channels, after the completion of the process required by internal legislation, and will remain valid for a term of five years.

It may extend for another five year in case of either Contracting Party has given written notice of termination to the other Party before at least six months prior to the expiration of this Agreement.

The termination of the Agreement will not affect the works, which initiated but not accomplished at the time of the expiration of this Agreement.

Done at Beirut, on September 16, 1998, in two original copies, each of them in Armenian, Arabic and English languages, all texts being equally authentic.

In case of controversy in Armenian and Arabic texts the preference will be given to the English text.

***The Agreement has entered into force on August 6, 1999.***