

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

BETWEEN

**THE FEDERAL MINISTRY OF EDUCATION AND WOMEN'S AFFAIRS
OF THE REPUBLIC OF AUSTRIA**

AND

**THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION AND SCIENCE
OF THE REPUBLIC OF ARMENIA,**

CONCERNING

COOPERATION IN THE FIELD OF EDUCATION

The Federal Ministry of Education and Women's Affairs of the Republic of Austria and the Ministry of Education and Science of the Republic of Armenia, hereinafter referred to as "Sides"

- Based on the friendly relations which exist between their two countries;
- Based on regional initiatives and initiatives of the European Union in South Caucasus;
- Being aware of the fact that cooperation in the field of education contributes to a better understanding between both countries;
- Desiring to deepen and broaden the cooperation in the field of education

have reached the following understanding:

Article 1

Both Sides welcome cooperation in the field of education based on the principles of mutual respect and partnership.

Article 2

Both Sides encourage the exchange of experience and know-how transfer at expert and policy levels in the field of education, offering each other information e.g. concerning the structure and the organization of their educational systems, curricula and didactic materials.

Article 3

Both Sides will encourage direct relations and cooperation between the Austrian University Colleges of Teacher Education and teacher training institutions in Armenia.

Article 4

The Austrian Side will offer Armenian teachers of German language at all levels, especially those who are in multiplier function, the opportunity to attend "German as a Foreign Language" - two week training seminars on specific subjects related to Austrian Studies as well as on German instruction methodology, held throughout Austria. The seminar-catalogue for the following year can be found at the website www.kulturundsprache.at.

Armenian institutions being interested in Austrian Diploma for German Language (Österreichisches Sprachdiplom Deutsch, ÖSD, information at www.osd.at) are welcome to apply for a licence to become ÖSD examination centers.

Article 5

Both Sides welcome an intensive exchange of experience in the area of Vocational Education and Training (VET), including the tourism sector. This cooperation will also take place in the framework of the EU-instrument "European Neighborhood Policy" (ENP).

Article 6

Both Sides encourage the intensification of contacts between Armenian and Austrian schools through school partnership programs and participation in multilateral school networks. In Austria Interkulturelles Zentrum facilitates these partnerships (<http://www.oz.or.at>).

Article 7

Both Sides facilitate the participation of their representatives in international conferences, meetings and competitions on educational matters organized by the other Side.

Article 8

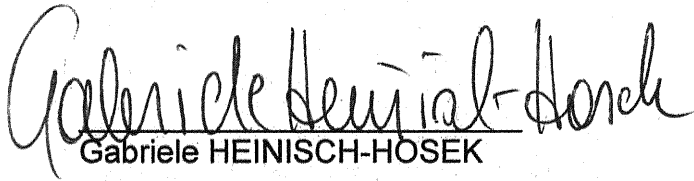
The present Memorandum will take effect upon the date of signing. It will remain effective until 31 December 2019 and will be extended for additional two years unless its validity is terminated in writing by one of the two Sides at least six months prior to the expiration of its validity.

Article 9

The present Memorandum does not result in the creation of any new obligations regarding international law nor will it have any effect on existing legislation.

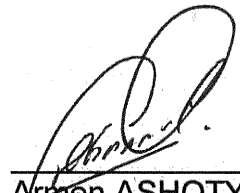
Done in Vienna on 8 April 2015, in two original documents in English and Armenian both texts being equally authentic.

In case of any divergence of interpretation of the present Memorandum of Understanding the English text shall prevail.



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