

**EXECUTIVE PROGRAM FOR THE CULTURAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN**  
**THE GOVERNMENT OF THE ITALIAN REPUBLIC AND**  
**THE GOVERNMENT OF THE STATE OF KUWAIT**  
**FOR THE YEARS 2023-2024-2025**

The Government of the Italian Republic and the Government of the State of Kuwait, hereinafter referred to as “The Two Parties”, desirous to develop cultural relations and strengthen friendship ties through cooperation in cultural, and artistic fields between their countries, and in implementation of the cultural Agreement signed between them on 7 December 2005. Have agreed on the following executive program for the years 2023-2024-2025:

**First: Culture and Arts:**

- 1- The Two Parties shall exchange formative arts exhibitions in both countries. Details shall be agreed upon through official correspondences.
  
- 2- The Two Parties shall exchange a visit of a specialized delegation of no more than (5) persons in publication affairs, for a period of one week during the validity of this program, encourage cooperation in publishing, printing and translating literary and historical books written by the other Party in his mother language. Details shall be agreed upon by coordination and consultation between competent authorities in both countries.
  
- 3- The Two Parties shall encourage the exchange of information and publications between the National Libraries in Italy and the Kuwait National Library, as well as exchanging visits of personnel in public libraries of both countries.
  
- 4- The Two Parties shall exchange information and publications related to handicrafts, museums, booklets, new scientific circulars on folkloric heritage revival and conservation.
  
- 5- The Two Parties shall exchange experiences in heritage and museums, and the restoration and preservation of manuscripts.

- 6- The Two Parties shall exchange booklets and publications related to archeology of both countries.
- 7- The Two Parties shall exchange experiences in the field of archeological researches and laboratories, sterilization and restoration. Details shall be agreed upon through official correspondences.
- 8- The Two Parties shall exchange holding media heritage exhibitions and photographic pictures exhibitions.
- 9- The Two Parties shall exchange visits of artistic and folkloric music groups, to perform artistic shows. Number of the group's members and the period of each visit shall be agreed upon through official correspondences between the two parties.
- 10- The Two Parties shall encourage cooperation in the field of children culture, and exchange experiences and invitations to participate in festivals and activities related to child culture.
- 11- The Two Parties shall participate in international book fairs held in both countries, without any due financial obligations.
- 12- The Two Parties shall exchange artistic experiences in the field of theatre and hold mutual theatrical workshops, as well as encouraging hosting performances at theatrical festivals and similar events which are organized in the two countries. Details shall be agreed upon through official correspondences.
- 13- The Two Parties shall encourage holding cultural weeks between their countries, through exchanging invitation between the Ministry of Culture in Italy and the Secretariat General of The National Council for Culture, Arts and letters in the State of Kuwait, to participate in international festivals and different cultural occasions held annually in both countries. Details shall be agreed upon through official ways.
- 14- The Parties shall devote particular attention to cooperation in compliance with the obligations provided for in the 1972 UNESCO International Convention concerning the Protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage and in the 2003 UNESCO International Convention for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage. The Parties also undertake to cooperate in compliance with the obligations provided for in

the 2005 UNESCO International Convention on the Protection and Promotion of the Diversity of Cultural Expressions.

- 15- The Parties agree to cooperate in order to fight illicit trade in objects of cultural heritage with preventive, repressive, and remedial measures in accordance with the respective national legislation, and in compliance with the obligations provided for in the 1970 UNESCO International Convention on the Means of Prohibiting and Preventing Illicit Import, Export, and Transfer in Ownership of Cultural Property and taking into account the principles of the 1995 UNIDROIT Convention on Stolen or Illegally Exported Cultural Objects. The Parties also agree to cooperate in protecting underwater cultural heritage in accordance with the respective legislation and in compliance with the obligations provided for in the 2001 UNESCO International Convention for the Protection of the Underwater Cultural Heritage.
- 16- The Italian Party informs that - in its annual calendar of cultural activities abroad - there are days and weeks dedicated to some priority sectors (in particular Italian language, contemporary art, music, cinema, creative industries) and to integrated promotion initiatives (cuisine, design, space, sport and research), with cultural events taking place simultaneously all over the world.

**Second: General and Financial Provisions:**

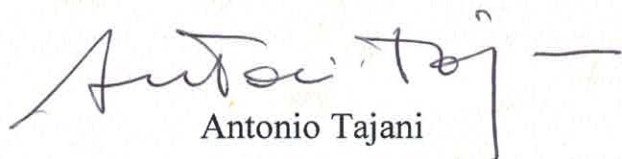
- 17- Regarding the exchange of visits mentioned in this program, the number of invited delegates as well as the period of each visit shall be determined through official correspondences.
- 18- All financial costs consequent of hosting and organizing cultural events and activities between both countries shall be agreed upon mutual consent of both Parties and in accordance with applicable international law obligations and in full compliance with the national legislation of both Parties, as well as any other obligations arising from Italy's membership within the European Union.
- 19- The Two Parties shall establish a joint committee within a legislative framework, within a period not exceeding two months from the signing date of the program; the committee, which shall include representatives of both parties, shall be concerned with culture and arts matters, discussing and implementing jointly the provisions of the program. The

committee shall submit its recommendations to the competent Ministers of both countries, in order to take necessary decisions to implement this program; the decisions shall be valid when they are agreed upon by both parties, according to the regulations applied in both countries.

- This Executive Program shall enter into force from the date of its signature, and it shall be valid for the years 2023-2024-2025.

Signed in Rome on 4<sup>th</sup> July 2023, in two original copies, each in Italian, Arabic and English languages; both copies are equally authentic. In case of misinterpretation, the English text shall prevail.

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