EXECUTIVE PROGRAMME
FOR THE
IMPLEMENTATION OF THE
ITALY - NEW ZEALAND CULTURAL AGREEMENT
2025–2030

THE ITALIAN REPUBLIC (hereinafter referred to as "Italy"),

and

NEW ZEALAND,

hereinafter jointly referred to as "the Participants",

recognising the *Cultural Agreement between the Government of the Republic of Italy and the Government of New Zealand*, signed in Rome on 7 December 1979 (hereinafter referred to as the "Cultural Agreement"),

with the aim of supporting the implementation of the Cultural Agreement and promoting cultural connections between Italy and New Zealand in the fields of education, scientific and research cooperation, culture and art, archaeology and cultural heritage, and sports,

HAVE REACHED THE FOLLOWING UNDERSTANDING (hereinafter referred to as "this Programme"):

1 – EDUCATION

1.1 Education Cooperation

1.1.1 The Participants will seek to promote understanding of each other's cultures by building awareness of opportunities for students to study in each other's countries, including, where resources allow, through scholarships.

1.2 Teaching of Italian and English

1.2.1 The Participants will endeavour to encourage the dissemination of their respective languages and cultures in both countries.

1.2.2 The Participants will explore opportunities to support, subject to available resources, the teaching of each other's languages in both countries.

1.2.3 The Italian side will assess the possibility of providing grants to support Italian university academic chairs in New Zealand, according to the budgetary availability.

1.2.4 The "Società Dante Alighieri" Society, whose presence in New Zealand is determined by means of the affiliated Committee located in Wellington, Auckland and Christchurch, plans to promote the Italian language and culture through educational and cultural activities, library updates, the dissemination of the PLIDA (Italian Language Project Dante Alighieri) certificate within the CLIQ system for certifying proficiency in the Italian language, and the ADA Courses Plan (Dante Alighieri Attendance Certificate).

2 – SCIENTIFIC AND RESEARCH COOPERATION

2.1 The Participants acknowledge the importance of science and technology for the economic, social, and cultural development of both countries.

2.2 The Participants will explore opportunities for science and research cooperation under the association of New Zealand to Horizon Europe.

3 – CULTURE AND ART

3.1 The Participants will promote collaboration between their respective cultural institutions, including through the exploring of opportunities in areas not limited to music, theatre, dance, contemporary art, and architecture, photography, fashion and design, literature, festivals, celebrations, cultural events, and museum exhibitions. The Participants will explore the possibility of financial support to these activities, subject to the availability of resources.

4 – COOPERATION IN THE FIELDS OF ARCHAEOLOGY, RESTORATION, CONSERVATION, AND PROTECTION OF CULTURAL HERITAGE

4.1 The Participants will explore opportunities to promote cooperation in the fields of archaeology, restoration, conservation, and the protection of cultural heritage.

4.2 When requested by one Participant, the other Participant will explore the repatriation of human remains currently held in museums or cultural or other institutions or private collections that originated in the territory of the requesting Participant. Any requests will be evaluated

on a case-by-case basis, in compliance with current national and international regulations.

5 – SPORTS

5.1 The Participants will explore forms of cooperation within international organizations and institutions and will endeavour to promote development and cooperation in various sports disciplines, particularly regarding the exchange of training techniques and methodologies, or other areas, subject to mutual agreement. Any expenses related to the organisation of such contacts will be borne by the requesting Participant.

6 – FINAL PROVISIONS

6.1 This Programme does not exclude the possibility of other initiatives not provided for therein, subject to prior authorisation from the relevant competent authority.

6.2 All initiatives mentioned in this Programme will be subject to the availability of financial resources as established in each Participant's respective budgetary processes. Where costs are to be shared between the Participants, these are to be decided in advance.

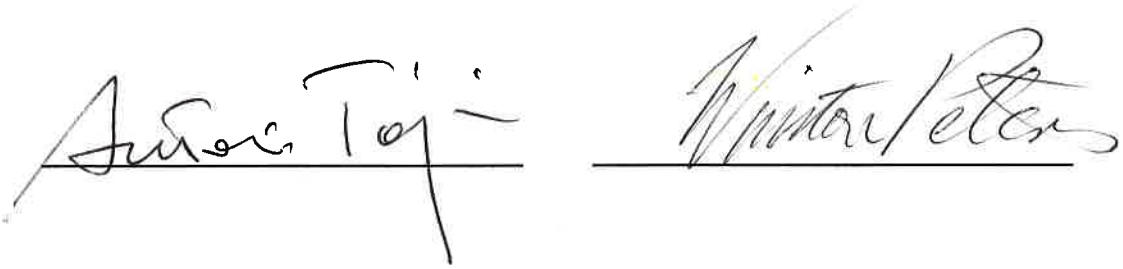
6.3 The activities envisaged by this Programme will take place within the framework of existing international agreements, respecting national laws, and obligations, including those arising from Italy's membership in the European Union.

6.4 This Programme will enter into effect upon signature by both Participants. This Programme will remain valid for a period of five

years and may be extended by mutual decision of the Participants for additional five year periods.

6.5 Either Participant may terminate this Programme at any time by written notification to the other Participant. A termination made pursuant to this paragraph will take effect 30 days after the date of delivery of the written notification, unless the Participants decide otherwise. Termination of this Programme will not result in the termination of initiatives already under way, unless the Participants decide otherwise.

Signed in Rome, on June, 11 2025, in two originals, each in Italian and English, both texts being equally valid.

For the Italian Republic

For New Zealand