

# FOUNDING DECLARATION OF THE COMMUNITY OF ITALOPHONY

We, the Representatives of the Members of the Community of Italophony,

**Recognising** that languages, as an essential prerequisite for dialogue among cultures and peoples, are a vital instrument for building and preserving peace, preventing conflicts, and fostering cooperation among the Parties and their communities;

**Considering** that languages contribute to strengthening economic partnerships and promoting shared development, fostering commercial relations and enhancing the value of territories and enterprises;

**Recalling** that Italian, by virtue of its history and vocation, is a privileged language of peace, dialogue, creativity, and exchange, capable of building bridges among peoples;

**Aware** of the role of Italian worldwide as a language of civilisation and a means of dialogue among diverse cultures, faiths, and religions;

**Considering** that Italian, a language of beauty, culture, and science, has provided an invaluable contribution to the world's literary, artistic, and musical heritage, as well as to the scientific progress of humanity;

**Recognising** that Italian, combining tradition and innovation, humanistic knowledge and scientific expertise, art and industry, embodies both excellence rooted in heritage and a contemporary outlook oriented towards the future;

**Convinced** that the shared interest in Italophony can contribute to the promotion of cultural, educational, academic, and scientific relations around the world and within civil societies;

**Recognising** the added value of a network of coordination and exchange among the Parties, peoples, private actors, public institutions, and individuals – particularly young people – united by their knowledge and passion for the Italian language;

**Acknowledging** the contribution that the dissemination of the Italian language can offer to the protection of linguistic pluralism as an essential element for safeguarding the universal cultural heritage and promoting dialogue among peoples;

*We hereby proclaim the establishment of the Community of Italophony,*

*as a forum among Parties united by their interest in and passion for the Italian language, with the aim of promoting its dissemination worldwide*

*as an instrument of peace and dialogue, economic partnership, and cultural cooperation.*

The Community of Italophony is founded on the full sharing of objectives and operational methods by its Members and constitutes a platform for the exchange and promotion of voluntary initiatives, knowledge-sharing, and mutual enrichment, with full respect for their languages and cultures.

The objectives of the Community of Italophony are to promote, disseminate, and safeguard the Italian language worldwide; to foster political dialogue and international cooperation; to strengthen economic cooperation and growth; to support the development of trade exchanges among its Members and of contacts among enterprises; to consolidate ties among Italophone civil societies; and to advance cultural, scientific, and academic relations among its Members.

In pursuit of these objectives, and under the coordination of the country hosting the Conference, the Community shall perform the following functions:

- Give impetus to the establishment of a network linking all Italophone entities and individuals who share the aims of this Declaration and who are committed to promoting international cooperation and political, economic, and cultural dialogue among the Members of the Community of Italophony;
- Undertake initiatives aimed at enhancing the value of territories and at strengthening economic and commercial exchanges between Members, also through the organisation of business forums, as well as promoting programmes of solidarity and development cooperation;
- Reinforce academic and scientific cooperation, also by facilitating student and researcher mobility and by supporting the development of university training and research programmes in the Italian language;
- Support the organisation of initiatives, events, and programmes that encourage and enhance cultural, linguistic, and literary exchanges among the Members of the Community of Italophony, also through the active engagement of cultural actors and institutions present in their territories;
- Promote collective communication initiatives in the Italian language, including the development of joint projects in the television, radio, and media sectors;
- Support the teaching of the Italian language in all educational contexts, with particular attention to vocational training pathways, including through the use of Artificial Intelligence and the strengthening of cooperation among Departments of Italian Studies and Italian Language Centres;
- Promote cooperation in the publishing sector, including through programmes supporting translation to and from Italian, and support the development of a network of Italian libraries and bookshops worldwide;
- Encourage the establishment of an Assembly of Italophone Writers, open to all authors of works written in Italian;
- Promote the dissemination of the Italian language in the digital sphere, in technological fields, and in the area of Artificial Intelligence, also with a view to fostering the development of AI-related languages and processes in Italian;

This Declaration is not intended to create any financial or legal obligations under international law.

In carrying out its functions, the Community shall promote the involvement of associations, enterprises, institutions, and representatives of civil society in its initiatives and activities, recognising their important contribution to strengthening international cooperation among all Members and to fostering dialogue and friendship among peoples.

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