

COOPERATION AGREEMENT

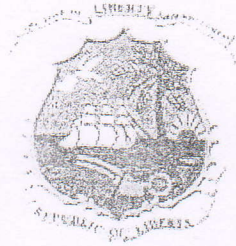
BETWEEN

**THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC
OF BENIN**

AND

**THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC
OF LIBERIA**

**IN THE FIELD OF CULTURE AND
ARTS**



Preamble

The Government of the Republic of Benin,

And

The Government of the Republic of Liberia,

Hereinafter referred to as the « Parties » ;

Considering the brotherly links existing between the peoples of both countries for a long time;

Faithful to the noble ideals of African Union Charter;

Jointly desirous of improving mutual understanding between the peoples of both countries;

Desirous of strengthening and developing cultural relations between both countries;

AGREED AS FOLLOWS:

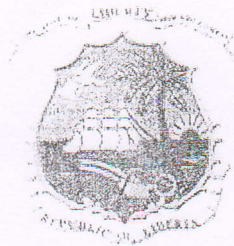


Article 1^{er} : Object

The Parties shall undertake to promote and develop, in accordance with legislation in force in their respective countries, mutual understanding, especially, in the fields of culture and Arts.

Article 2 : Cooperation Actions

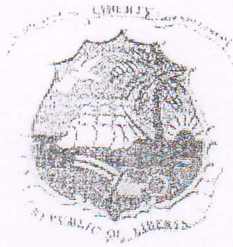
- 1- The Parties shall develop exchanges of cultural and artistic programmes for radio and television broadcastings of their different audio visual public channels.
- 2- They shall encourage exchange of specialists and experts in the fields of culture, arts, archaeology and cultural heritage.
- 3- Each Party shall facilitate the access of the other party's citizens to its monuments, scientific institutions, libraries and cultural institutions, in accordance with its national legislation.



Article 3 : Parties Obligations

Each Party shall undertake to:

- 1- facilitate the organization in its country, of works of art exhibitions, concerts, theaters, fairs, cultural days and movie days, intended for culture promotion of the other country;
- 2- take the necessary measures to ease the entry on its territory, in accordance with the procedure jointly agreed upon, of books, periodicals, magazines, artistic productions, discs, recording tapes as well as educational and cultural films of the other Party, taking into account the national legislation in force in the field;
- 3- ensure protection of artists, specialists and experts in arts, culture, archeology and cultural heritage, and nationals of the other Party against any form of prejudices, especially piracy of works of arts and spirit.
- 4- communicate to the other Party, through diplomatic channel, three (03) months in advance, information relating to



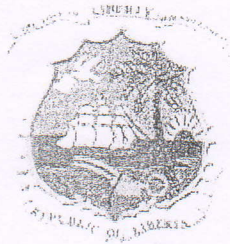
possible trips of delegations and cultural managers in either countries.

Article 4 : Conditions and terms of enforcement

- 1- The Parties will agree, through diplomatic channel, upon financial terms for implementing all projects of cultural exchange between both countries.
- 2- The conditions and terms of implementation of this Agreement shall be determined by protocols, for the Parties, to implement other cooperation actions, and exchange of letters.

Article 5 : Final provisions

- 1- This Agreement, which is signed for a five (05)-year period, renewable by tacit agreement, shall be effective as from its date of signature.
- 2- It may be amended through a party agreement, exchanges of letters.



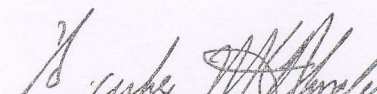
- 3- Each Party may terminate it, through a three (03)-month minimum prior notice in writing. The termination shall not affect actions undertaken under this agreement and which are ongoing.

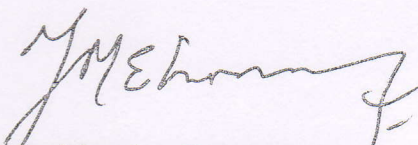
Done in Cotonou, on September 10, 2009.

In two original copies, in French and English, both texts being equally authentic.

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the Republic of Liberia

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