

MEMORANDUM OF MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING

The Memorandum of Understanding between ICOMOS Russia, hereby represented by its President A.P. Kudryavtsev, and ICOMOS Greece, hereby represented by its President A. Nakasis (hereafter referred to as the “Parties”), regards a framework for collaboration on the preservation and enhancement of common cultural heritage in the Russian Federation and the Hellenic Republic.

1. PREAMBLE

The people of Russia and Greece share a long and common history. Many monuments of national and supranational importance are preserved in both countries reflecting common values and cultural bonds. The relation established between the Russians and the Greeks from antiquity and throughout the Byzantine Period is recorded in many literary and historical sources. A long tradition of contacts and exchanges in the fields of religion, trade, science and culture as well as the establishment of strong diplomatic, political and, sometimes, military alliances, has led to a better understanding between the people of the two countries.

Taking into consideration that the protection and sustainable management of the cultural heritage shared by the two parties, and especially the monuments and historical sites, fall within the statutory objectives of the Russian and the Greek ICOMOS National Committees, the latter have agreed to enhance their cooperation through this Memorandum of Understanding while remaining independent and governed by their respective Statutes.

2. OBJECTIVE OF THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

The objective of this Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) is to establish a general framework of collaboration for activities, events, meetings and information exchange to be planned and implemented jointly by the Parties.

In order to enhance the cooperative relationship and the mutual benefits to each organization and its members, the two parties will:

- take into account the longstanding bilateral relations that have a significant impact on the cultural heritage of both countries;
- comply with the principles and guidelines of ICOMOS as well as with the related documents and charters on the protection of historical and cultural heritage, such as the Venice Charter (International Charter for the Protection of Monuments and Historic Sites, 1964), the Valletta Principles for the Maintenance and Management of Historic Cities and Urban Areas (2011), the

European Charter of architectural heritage (Council of Europe, October 1975) etc.;

- be guided by a shared responsibility for the preservation and restoration of the common cultural heritage, and
- bear in mind that the protection and preservation of common cultural heritage plays a key role in maintaining and deepening bilateral relations.

3. AREAS OF COLLABORATION

In particular, the Parties agree to cooperate in the implementation of the activities listed below to the best of their ability and within their available resources:

- Establish a Working Group in order to draft a three-year work plan to indicate specific activities that will take place during this time. The Group will consist of the two presidents of the National Committees or their appointed representatives and of two experts, one from each party;
- Exchange information and research concerning the conservation and preservation of shared cultural heritage by implementing with cross-border and volunteer cooperation projects;
- Encourage students and young specialists to participate in training workshops and common initiatives implemented within the frame of this MOU;
- Familiarize the public in the Russian Federation and the Hellenic Republic with their common cultural heritage via media, exhibitions, events, scientific training and mediation procedures etc.;
- Hold regular meetings to evaluate the outcomes of the collaboration;
- Establish networks of communication in order to bring together experts, organizations and various stakeholder that are active in the fields of culture, architecture and urbanism, landscape, history and education, and
- Seek synergies with Universities and Institutes in order to provide specialized lectures or courses.

4. FRAMEWORK FOR IMPLEMENTATION

The cooperation between ICOMOS Greece and ICOMOS Russia will adhere to the following guidelines and objectives:

- Both parties express the intention to strengthen the long-term cooperation in the cultural sector, to study fields of common interest in relation to the preservation of the shared cultural heritage, to inform the public and to disseminate the results of the activities undertaken within the framework of this Memorandum to other organizations and authorities (education, science, tourism, etc.) of both countries;
- The cooperation between the two parties aims at exchanging knowledge and experience regarding the documentation, preservation and promotion of the common cultural heritage, and

- Synergies with cultural organizations and institutions as well as with regional and local authorities will be pursued for the implementation of the planned activities.

The implementation of this MoU may be advanced through additional individual memoranda or contracts, as appropriate, in relation to agreed activities, which will specify the responsibilities for implementation, the overall budget, and the financial responsibilities for the two Parties and any other partners in that activity.

Both Parties acknowledge that other areas of collaboration may be developed during the period of this agreement for inclusion in their joint and individual work plans.

5. AMENDMENTS

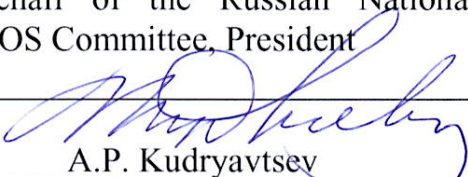
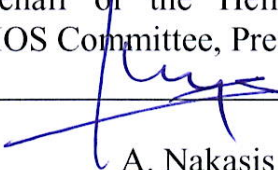
This Memorandum of Understanding may be revised by mutual consent of both Parties, by the issuance of a written amendment, signed and dated by both Parties.

6. EFFECTIVE DATE AND DURATION OF THE MoU

This Memorandum of Understanding shall come into force upon signature of both Parties and will be effective until December 2021. It can be renewed for successive additional periods of three (3) years upon agreement of both parties. Either Party may terminate this MoU by giving the other Party six (6) months' advance written notice of termination.

Signed in Kazan in duplicate.

DATE (Day/Month/Year)

On behalf of the Russian National ICOMOS Committee, President	On behalf of the Hellenic National ICOMOS Committee, President
 A.P. Kudryavtsev	 A. Nakasis