

**CULTURAL EXCHANGES,
PROPERTY AND COOPERATION**

**Agreement Between the
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
and CYPRUS**

**Extending and Amending the
Memorandum of Understanding of
July 16, 2002, as Amended and Extended**

Effected by Exchange of Notes at
Nicosia July 6 and 8, 2017



NOTE BY THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Pursuant to Public Law 89—497, approved July 8, 1966
(80 Stat. 271; 1 U.S.C. 113)—

“. . .the Treaties and Other International Acts Series issued under the authority of the Secretary of State shall be competent evidence . . . of the treaties, international agreements other than treaties, and proclamations by the President of such treaties and international agreements other than treaties, as the case may be, therein contained, in all the courts of law and equity and of maritime jurisdiction, and in all the tribunals and public offices of the United States, and of the several States, without any further proof or authentication thereof.”

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No. 242

The Embassy of the United States of America presents its compliments to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Cyprus, and has the honor to refer the Ministry to the Memorandum of Understanding Between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Republic of Cyprus Concerning the Imposition of Import Restrictions on Pre-Classical and Classical Archaeological Objects and Byzantine and Post-Byzantine Period Ecclesiastical and Ritual Ethnological Materials, done at Washington July 16, 2002, as amended by exchange of notes August 17, 2006, and amended and extended by exchanges of notes July 3 and 6, 2007, and July 10, 2012 (hereinafter referred to as “the MOU”).

Pursuant to the Convention on Cultural Property Implementation Act (“the Act”), the United States Department of State has determined that the factors that justified entering into the MOU still pertain and that no cause for suspension exists. Therefore, the Embassy, on behalf of the Government of the United States of America, proposes to extend the MOU for an additional five-year period

pursuant to the Act. In addition, the Embassy proposes that, pursuant to Article IV(B) of the MOU, Article II of the MOU be amended by replacing it with the attached revised Article II.

If the foregoing proposals are acceptable to the Government of the Republic of Cyprus, the Embassy proposes that this note, including the attached revised Article II, and the Ministry's affirmative note in reply, shall constitute an agreement between the two Governments to extend and amend the MOU, which shall enter into force on the date of the Ministry's note in reply, with effect from July 16, 2017.

The Embassy of the United States of America avails itself of the opportunity to renew to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Cyprus the assurance of its highest consideration.

Attachment:

As stated.

Embassy of the United States of America
Nicosia, July 6, 2017.



United States of America – Republic of Cyprus Memorandum of Understanding

2017 Amended Article II

A. Both Governments shall publicize this Memorandum of Understanding and the reasons for it, through various means available. Both governments will also seek to continue initiatives that raise awareness of the importance of protecting and preserving cultural heritage and discouraging looting.

B. The Government of the Republic of Cyprus will continue to engage in such protection/conservation measures as inventorying cultural resources and developing management plans for archaeological sites.

C. The Government of the Republic of Cyprus and the Government of the United States of America agree to encourage further interchange of archaeological and ethnological materials for cultural, educational, and scientific purposes to promote widespread public appreciation of and access to Cyprus' rich cultural heritage.

D. Both Governments agree to use their best efforts to strengthen and develop the cooperation between their respective competent authorities, including law enforcement agencies, to prevent and combat the destruction, looting, theft, and illicit trafficking of objects and materials covered in this Memorandum of Understanding, through the exchange of all relevant information and experiences, organization of joint training, exchange of experts, and the interchange of knowledge regarding best practices in the field.

E. Both Parties to this Memorandum of Understanding will continue to support bi-communal activity regarding cultural preservation on the island.

F. Each Government will keep the other informed of the effectiveness of the measures agreed to in this MOU.

REPUBLIC



OF CYPRUS

MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS

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NOTE VERBALE

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Cyprus presents its compliments to the Embassy of the United States of America and acknowledges receipt of Embassy note No. 242, dated July 6, 2017, which proposes to extend and amend the Memorandum of Understanding Between the Government of the Republic of Cyprus and the Government of the United States of America Concerning the Imposition of Import Restrictions on Pre-Classical and Classical Archaeological Objects and Byzantine and Post-Byzantine Period Ecclesiastical and Ritual Ethnological Materials, done at Washington July 16, 2002, as amended by exchange of notes August 17, 2006, and amended and extended by exchanges of notes July 3 and 6, 2007, and July 10, 2012 (hereinafter referred to as "the MOU").

The Ministry confirms that the proposals contained in the Embassy's note, namely to extend the MOU for an additional five-year period and amend Article II of the MOU by replacing it with the attached revised Article II, are acceptable to the Government of the Republic of Cyprus. Therefore the Embassy's note and this reply shall constitute an agreement between the two Governments extending and amending the MOU, which shall enter into force on the date of this note, with effect from July 16, 2017.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Cyprus avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Embassy of the United States of America the assurances of its highest consideration. *MX*

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Nicosia, 8 July 2017

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