MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

ON CULTURAL COOPERATION BETWEEN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE OF THE REPUBLIC OF FINLAND AND THE MINISTRY OF CULTURE AND YOUTH AFFAIRS OF THE REPUBLIC OF ARMENIA

The Ministry of Education and Culture of the Republic of Finland and the Ministry of Culture and Youth Affairs of the Republic of Armenia, hereinafter referred to as "The Parties",

Pursuant to the Article 73 of the Partnership and Co-operation Agreement between the Republic of Armenia and the European Union, signed on April 22 1996, declare their desire to cooperate in various spheres of mutual interest in culture and sign this Memorandum.

1. The Parties shall develop cooperation in different spheres of mutual interest in culture and encourage:

a/ the exchange of theatrical, artist and folklore groups and individual performers,

b/ cooperation in the sphere of cinematography through the exchange of films and participation in international film festivals organized in the other country, c/ the exchanges of art exhibitions.

- 2. The Parties shall encourage cooperation and the exchanges of information between museums and libraries.
- 3. The Parties shall encourage the participation of the representatives of the other country in international competitions and festivals organized by them.
- 4. The Parties shall encourage cooperation in the sphere of publication and exchange of good practice.

The measures listed in this Memorandum do not exclude other measures taken by the Parties to deepen cooperation.

The general and financial terms of the events organized within the scope of this Memorandum shall be determined in protocols signed between the institutions concerned. The terms shall be based on reciprocity.

This Memorandum will enter into force on the date of its signature and will remain in force unless either Party expresses its desire through diplomatic channels to terminate it.

Signed in Yerevan on April 129, 2001 two copies, each in the English and Armenian languages, both texts being equally authentic.

FOR THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE OF THE REPUBLIC OF FINLAND FOR THE MINISTRY OF CULTURE AND YOUTH AFFAIRS OF THE REPUBLIC OF ARMENIA