Memorandum of Understanding
Between
the Israel State Archives
and
the State Archival Service of Ukraine

The Israel State Archives and the State Archival Service of Ukraine, hereinafter referred to as the "Sides",

Having regard to the Memorandum on mutual understanding and guidelines on Cooperation between the State of Israel and Ukraine of January 12, 1993,

And on the basis of the Agreement between the Government of the State of Israel and the Government of Ukraine on Cooperation in the field of Education and Culture of January 12, 1993,

Acting in the interests of the further development of professional, scientific and cultural ties between the State of Israel and Ukraine (hereinafter – States of the Sides),

Taking into account the desire to strengthen and develop bilateral cooperation between archival institutions of the States of the Sides,

Have reached the following understanding:

Article 1

The Sides will develop cooperation on the basis of equality, mutual interests and in compliance with the national legislation of both States, as well as international agreements, to which the State of Israel and Ukraine are parties.

Article 2

The Sides will exchange best archival practices in the areas of mutual interest to them, including the implementation and use of information and communication technologies (ICT) in the daily work of archives (digital archives, digitization and creation of electronic databases, offering digital services to the public).

The Sides may exchange information on the problems arising from their archival activities and may exchange specialists and experts on a reciprocal basis in order to acquire information on the organization of the respective archives, libraries, as well as study and research institutions.

Article 3

The Sides, within their competence and in accordance with their national law, regulations, policies and international law may share information on cultural heritage.

In this regard the Sides may exchange with each other copies of archival records and materials on the national history of the States of both Sides. The exchange of these records and materials is carried out in accordance with the national legislation of the States of both Sides and the mutual agreement between the Sides on a case by case basis.

Article 4

The Sides will carry out exchange of scientific publication and books, laws and regulations regulating the work of archival institutions.

Article 5

The exchanges shall take place in accordance with domestic laws and regulations of each State and will be subject to the budgetary frameworks of the Sides.

Article 6

The Sides may jointly publish archival records and organize joint exhibitions in accordance with topics of interest to both Sides, and will agree in writing on the specific conditions in each particular case.

Article 7

The Sides will facilitate the mutual participation of archivists in conferences, seminars on archival matters organized by the archival institutions of both States.

Article 8

In accordance with the national legislation of the States of the Sides, the Sides shall ensure the free access of archivists and researchers working within the framework of this Memorandum of Understanding to archival records.

Article 9

Cooperation under this Memorandum of Understanding does not interfere with other forms of cooperation in the field of archives, which are carried out by the Sides by mutual consent.

The Sides shall encourage reciprocal cooperation between the state archival institutions/departments in accordance with national legislation of the States of the Sides.

Article 10

The obligations of the Sides under this Memorandum of Understanding are met only if there is adequate funding for this purpose. All activities carried out under this Memorandum of Understanding shall be performed in compliance with the national legislation and policies of each Side.

Article 11

In the event of any dispute arising out from the implementing of this Memorandum of Understanding bilateral consultation shall be conducted in the way mutually agreed by the Sides.

Amendments and additions to this Memorandum of Understanding must be done in writing by mutual consent of the Sides as separate protocols (annexes), which shall form integral part of this Memorandum of Understanding.

Article 12

This Memorandum of Understanding shall enter into force on the date of its signature by both Sides. It shall remain in force for a period of five (5) years, and shall be automatically renewed for additional periods of five (5) years each.

Either Side may terminate this Memorandum of Understanding by sending a diplomatic note to the other Side of its intention. In this case this Memorandum of Understanding shall cease to be in force six (6) months from the date of notification of termination.

Signed at Kyiv on the 10 day of April 2024, which corresponds to the 2 day of Nisan 5784, in the Hebrew Calendar, in two original copies in the Ukrainian and English languages, all texts being equally authentic. In case of divergence of interpretations of this Memorandum of Understanding, the English text shall prevail.

For the Israel State Archives	**For the State Archives Service of Ukraine**
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