

## PROTOCOL

*On Cooperation between the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Lithuania and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Hungary*

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Lithuania and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Hungary, hereafter called "The Parties",

desirous

- to retain and to develop the good relations in accordance with the principles and the commitments of the United Nations Charter, the CSCE/OSCE Documents and the Charter of Paris, as well as the provisions of the Treaty on the Foundations of Friendly Relations and Cooperation between the Republic of Lithuania and Republic of Hungary,

- to support new ways of cooperation for purposes of expanding and deepening mutual cooperation which is based on principles of partnership and of mutual benefits,

- to cooperate in process of European integration and in international organizations and meetings

decide

to further expand the cooperation between the two respective Ministries as follows:

### Article 1

The Parties shall hold consultations on matters of bilateral relations and international issues which are of mutual interest.

### Article 2

1. The Parties will meet at least twice a year at the level of the Foreign Ministers or other chief officials from both Ministries. The meetings will be held in Vilnius or Budapest on a reciprocal basis or during international meetings.

2. The Parties if needed shall conduct consultations on the level of Directors of Departments.

3. The Parties if necessary can form work groups or expert groups on the base of bilateral agreement.

4. The level of representation, the agenda for consultations, and date shall be determined through diplomatic channels.

### Article 3

The Parties shall hold consultations on these matters first of all

(a) global problems and expansion of international relations in general. The special attention shall be given to the problems raised by the United Nations Organization, Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe, the Council of Europe, and other international organizations;

(b) possibilities to expand and deepen bilateral political, economical, cultural, scientific-technical cooperation, as well as cooperation in care of public health, ecology, and communication between citizens of both countries;

(c) bilateral questions related to European security and problems with European integration;

(d) exchange of the information about the implementation of bilateral agreements;

(e) expanding of political integration process, as well as problems connected with relations of both countries with the European Union, NATO, and WEU institutions;

(f) international situation with special attention towards regional conflicts;

### Article 4

The diplomatic representatives in the third countries, in the United Nations, and other international organizations, as well as the representatives of the both Parties during the international conferences and meetings, the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe is concerned here either, will consult each other on the issues of mutual interest.

### Article 5

The Parties shall help to cooperate for the scientific institutions which analyze international relations.

### Article 6

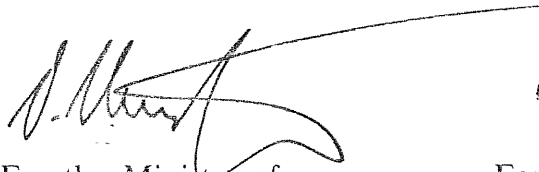
The Parties shall initiate help for diplomats while accumulating experience and knowledge, as well as through participation in the courses organized by state institutions.

## Article 7

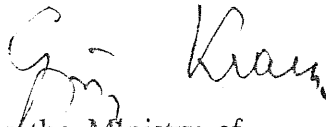
The Protocol shall enter into force on the day of signing and shall remain valid for a period of four years. It shall be considered as automatically renewed for consecutive periods of two years unless terminated by one of the Parties with three months notice in written form before expiry of a given period.

The Protocol was made into two copies, each in English, with both copies having equal force.

Done in Vilnius, on 14th September, 1996



For the Ministry of  
Foreign Affairs of  
the Republic of Lithuania



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