

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A BILATERAL CONSULTATION MECHANISM
BETWEEN
THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE REPUBLIC OF LITHUANIA
AND
THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF
VIETNAM

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Lithuania, (hereinafter jointly referred to as the "Signatories" and in the singular as a "Signatory");

Desiring to contribute to the developing and strengthening of the multifaceted relations and co-operation between the two countries;

Conscious of the usefulness of the regular consultations and exchanges between the two countries, at different levels, on bilateral relations and international matters of common interest;

Reaffirming their adherence to the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations,

Have agreed upon the following understanding:

Article 1

The Signatories will hold regular bilateral consultations to review all aspects of their relations, and to exchange views on regional and international issues of mutual interest as well as on developments taking place in the regional and international fora.

Article 2

Consultations on bilateral issues will include all areas of mutual interest, i.e. political, economic, commercial, scientific, technical and cultural co-operation.

Article 3

Consultations within the framework of this Memorandum of Understanding will be held on the basis of mutual agreement, alternately in Vilnius and Hanoi.

The level, dates, venue and agenda for the consultations will be settled through diplomatic channels on the initiative of either Signatory.

Article 4

When appropriate, members of diplomatic missions of the Signatories in third countries, as well as representatives of the Signatories attending international conferences and meetings will hold consultations on issues of mutual interest.

Article 5

During the consultations as set out in Article 3 and 4, the delegations may decide to establish working groups to discuss in detail certain subjects of mutual interest. Working groups will report the outcome of their deliberations to the competent authorities for consideration.

Article 6

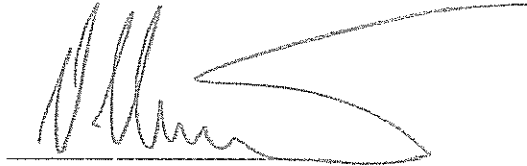
The provisions of this Memorandum of Understanding will be without prejudice to existing treaties or agreements to which the two countries are parties.

Article 7

The present Memorandum of Understanding will come into effect on the date of signature and will remain in effect for a period of three years. It will be considered as automatically renewed for successive periods of three years unless terminated by either Signatory, after giving a three months' notice in writing.

Signed in duplicate at Hanoi, on May 25th, 2009, in the English language.

For the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of
the Republic of Lithuania
H.E. Minister Vygaudas Usackas



For the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of
the Socialist Republic of Vietnam
H.E. Minister Pham Gia Khiem

