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Memorandum of understanding between the United States of America and  
Russian  
Federation on the principles of cooperation in the fields of culture,  
the  
humanities, the social sciences, education, and the mass media

The Government of the United States of America and the Government  
of the Russian Federation (hereinafter referred to as "the  
Participants");

Desiring to enhance mutual understanding and strengthen the  
friendly relations between the peoples of the United States of  
America and the Russian Federation;

Believing that further development of cooperation on the basis of  
equality and mutual benefit will facilitate attainment of these  
objectives;

Reaffirming the enduring validity of the principle of compliance  
with the international norms governing rights to intellectual  
property;

Guided By the provisions of the Charter for American-Russian  
Partnership and Friendship signed at Washington on June 17, 1992; and

Declaring their intent to encourage direct ties between the  
citizens and appropriate institutions of the United States of America  
and the Russian Federation, as well as between the U.S. and Russian  
non-governmental institutions, in the fields of culture the  
humanities, the social sciences, education, and the mass media;

Have reached mutual understanding that:

1. The Participants intend to promote the strengthening of mutual  
cooperation in the fields of culture, the humanities, the social  
sciences, education, archival science, and the mass media.

2. The Participants intend to encourage the development of  
cultural exchanges in order to promote better understanding of each  
other's culture, particularly through: organization of theatrical  
performances and art exhibitions;

dissemination of instructional materials, books, periodicals,

scholarly publications, radio and television programs, films, and other audiovisual materials;

organization of lectures, seminars, and joint scholarly research; and

participation in other activities in the fields of culture and art carried out in the United States of America and the Russian Federation.

3. The Participants intend to facilitate the establishment of contacts between interested governmental and non-governmental organizations in order to develop programs and joint projects in fields of mutual interest that help strengthen bilateral ties.

4. The Participants plan to encourage scholarly research in the fields of culture, the humanities, and education conducted by appropriate academic institutions in the two countries.

5. The Participants intend to provide assistance in the study of the Russian and English languages in the United States of America and the Russian Federation, respectively.

6. The Participants intend to facilitate the reciprocal sending of pupils, undergraduate and graduate students, faculty, and scholars for instruction and scholarly research, as well as high school teachers to work as interns and give lectures.

7. The Participants intend to encourage the development of contacts between libraries and archives in order to provide wider access to the information available in them.

8. The Participants intend to facilitate exchanges and contacts between journalists, publishers, and mass media associations.

9. The Participants intend to encourage contacts and cooperation between youth, women's, and other non-governmental organizations in the two countries.

10. The activities set forth in this Memorandum may be carried out in the form of joint projects or individual programs of appropriate governmental or non-governmental organizations in the United States of America and the Russian Federation.

11. The Participants plan for their representatives to meet as necessary or at the request of either Participant to exchange views

and also to formulate recommendations on specific aspects of the development of cultural cooperation. Matters relating to this will be coordinated through diplomatic channels.

12. In matters pertaining to cooperation in the fields of culture, the humanities, the social sciences, education, and the mass media, the Participants intend to be guided by this Memorandum in accordance with the laws and regulations of the United States of America and the Russian Federation and in accordance with the principles and norms of international law, beginning on the date of its signature and until such time as either Participant informs the other in writing to the contrary.

The provisions of this Memorandum do not affect other active projects or programs. Signed at Moscow, this second day of September, 1998, in duplicate, each in the English and Russian languages.