

**MORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING ON COOPERATION
BETWEEN THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES OF LATVIA AND
THE OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ARCHIVIST OF LITHUANIA**

The Archives of **THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES OF LATVIA** and **THE OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ARCHIVIST OF LITHUANIA**, hereinafter referred to collectively as the “Parties” and individually as a “Party”

- having regard to the mutual willingness of the Parties to cooperate;
- considering that such mutual cooperation will contribute to the development of professional and cultural ties;
- recognizing that the access to archival information constitutes one of the fundamental human rights and freedoms;

have concluded this Memorandum of Understanding on Cooperation (hereinafter referred to as the “Memorandum”), aimed at establishment of closer mutual cooperation in the fields described below.

The Office of the Chief Archivist of Lithuania and the National Archives of Latvia are collaborating in a common purpose to commemorate the 100th anniversary of Estonia’s and Latvia’s independence.

On this occasion the exhibition of documentary evidence “We want to be free, we will be free” – dedication to Latvia and its neighboring countries in the Baltic region, will celebrate the centennial of statehood. This exhibit will take place between 2018 and 2019 in Vilnius and Riga.

Article 1

The Parties will ensure access conditions for researchers of the other Party to access the archival documents in the same manner as for national researchers. A Party gives an access to its archives in accordance with the requirements and limitations provided in the legislation in force in the territory of the Party.

Article 2

The Parties will assist each other in searching the archival documents of their interest in the archives of the respective Party. The Parties shall ensure provision of analog or digital copies of the archival documents according to the legislation in force in the territory of the respective Party and for the mutually agreed prices.

Article 3

The copies of the documents, which are received from the other Party, can be used without restrictions unless otherwise is agreed in exceptional cases. In addition, the above mentioned copies can be publicly exposed during events, which directly reflect the commemoration the 100th anniversary of Lithuania’s and Latvia’s independence. Prior to the public exposure of the above mentioned documents, the consent of the other Party has to be received.

Article 4

The Parties will cooperate in organizing exhibitions in Vilnius and Ryga, publishing collective publications.

Article 5

The Parties will exchange their best practices in professional fields including exchange archives-related information: professional periodic publications, scientific and methodical literature, and normative legal acts and strengthen their business ties electronically, during professional meetings (conferences, seminars) or during bilateral exchange visits.

Article 6

A Party will pay a substantial attention to the requests of the citizens of the other Party to receive the archival documents in the archives of the respective Party.

Article 7

In order to implement the Memorandum provisions contained in Article 2 and Articles 4, inclusively, the Parties may agree to conclude a separate protocol (Implementation Protocol), which would specifically set the obligations and duties of the Parties. Upon signing such protocol by both Parties, the protocol becomes an integral and inseparable part of this Memorandum.

Article 8

The Memorandum enters into force starting from the day of its signing and loses its validity when one of the Parties submits a written notification suspending the actions of the Memorandum or when both Parties mutually agree upon the issue. The Memorandum can be supplemented, altered and amended if both Parties sign a separate protocol. Upon signing such protocol by both Parties, the protocol becomes an integral and constituent part of this Memorandum.

Article 9

The Memorandum is concluded in two (2) original copies in English language, one (1) copy for each of the Party. Both copies of the Memorandum are equally authentic.

SIGNED on 01.06 in 2014. №. V6-174

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