

AGREEMENT FOR FACILITATING THE INTERNATIONAL CIRCULATION OF VISUAL AND AUDITORY MATERIALS OF AN EDUCATIONAL, SCIENTIFIC AND CULTURAL CHARACTER

The Governments of the States signatory to the present Agreement,
Being convinced that in facilitating the international circulation of visual and auditory materials of an educational, scientific and cultural character, the free flow of ideas by word and image will be promoted and the mutual understanding of peoples thereby encouraged, in conformity with the aims of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization,
Have agreed as follows:

ARTICLE I

The present Agreement shall apply to visual and auditory materials of the types specified in Article II which are of an educational, scientific or cultural character.

Visual and auditory materials shall be deemed to be of an educational, scientific character:

- (a) When their primary purpose or effect is to instruct or inform through the development of a subject or aspect of a subject, or when their content is such as to maintain, increase or diffuse knowledge, and augment international understanding and good will; and
- (b) When the materials are representative, authentic, and accurate; and
- (c) When the technical quality is such that it does not interfere with the use made of the material.

ARTICLE II

The provisions of the preceding Article shall apply to visual and auditory materials of the following types and forms:

- (a) Films, filmstrips and microfilm in either negative form; exposed and developed, or positive form, printed and developed.
- (b) Sound recordings of all types and forms.
- (c) Glass slides; models, static and moving; wall charts, maps and posters. These materials are hereinafter referred to as "material".

ARTICLE III

1. Each of the contracting States shall accord, within six months from the coming into force of the present Agreement with respect to that State exemption from all customs duties and quantitative restrictions and from the necessity of applying for an import licence in respect of the importation either permanent or temporary, of material originating in the territory of any of the other contracting States.

2. Nothing in this Agreement shall exempt material from those taxes, fees, charges or exactions which are imposed on the import of all articles without exception and without regard to their nature and origin, even though such articles are exempt from Customs duties; such taxes, fees and exactions shall include, but are not limited to nominal statistical fees and stamp duties.