

**Memorandum of Co-operation  
between the Republic of Hungary and  
the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO)**

Following the official visit, at the invitation of the Director-General, Ms Irina Bokova, of Mr Pál Schmitt, President of the Republic of Hungary, to UNESCO on 25 and 26 October 2011, Ms Irina Bokova also paid an official visit to Hungary, from 15 to 17 November 2011. On that occasion, she met with Mr Viktor Orbán, Prime Minister of the Republic of Hungary, Mr László Kövér, President of the Hungarian National Assembly, Mr Miklós Réthelyi, Minister of National Resources, Mr János Martonyi, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Mr József Pálinkás, President of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences, Ms Judit Tamási, President of the National Office of Cultural Heritage, Mr József Hámori, President of the Hungarian National Commission for UNESCO, and Ms Ágnes Kovács Bíró, Secretary-General of the Hungarian National Commission for UNESCO. During their discussions, it was agreed that:

The Republic of Hungary and UNESCO,

*Bearing in mind* their commitment to the ideals of cooperation between nations through education, science, culture, communication and information in order to further universal respect for justice, the rule of law, human rights and fundamental freedoms;

*Recalling* that Memoranda between the Organization and Hungary were signed in Budapest in 1990 and 1997 by the then Director-General of UNESCO and the then Ministers responsible for education, science and culture;

*Noting with satisfaction* that the above Memoranda have established a framework within which Hungary and UNESCO have developed successful and fruitful cooperation in the fields of education, science, culture and communication;

*Fully supporting* the priorities and strategies aiming at, in order to contribute to the attainment of the internationally agreed development goals, including the Millennium Development Goals, in all UNESCO's fields of competence, as set forth in the UNESCO Medium-Term Strategy (2008-2013);

*Noting that* Hungary will be actively participating in the preparation of the draft Programme and Budget for 2014-2017 (37 C/5) and the draft Medium Term Strategy for 2014-2021 (37 C/4), and that the country is prepared to contribute further to the major initiatives stemming from the intellectual and ethical function of the Organization;

*Noting with satisfaction* the active role Hungary plays, as demonstrated by the President of UNESCO's General Conference, Ms Katalin Bogyay, Ambassador, Permanent Delegate of the Republic of Hungary to UNESCO, the country's membership in various governing bodies of major intergovernmental programmes, and in encouraging the