

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

BETWEEN

THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE REPUBLIC OF LITHUANIA

AND

**THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND INTERNATIONAL
COOPERATION OF THE REPUBLIC OF RWANDA**

ON BILATERAL CONSULTATIONS

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Lithuania and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of the Republic of Rwanda (hereafter “the Parties”),

Desiring to strengthen friendly relations and to encourage the cooperation between the two countries,

Wishing to establish an efficient and practical procedure for inter-ministerial political consultations,

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

Acting within their competence and in compliance with international obligations and the prevailing laws and regulations of their respective countries,

Have agreed as follows:

**Article 1
Objective**

The Parties shall 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.

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

Article 2
Consultations

Consultations between the Parties shall be held alternately in the Republic of Lithuania and in the Republic of Rwanda and, whenever necessary, in international organizations and forums.

Whenever necessary, diplomatic staff of the Parties, members of diplomatic and consular missions of the countries of the Parties in third countries or to the international organizations, as well as representatives of the Parties attending international conferences and meetings shall hold consultations and address cooperation issues of mutual interest.

The level, dates, venue and agendas of the meetings shall be settled through diplomatic channels on the initiative of either Party.

Article 3
Information and notification

Any notice required or permitted under this Memorandum of Understanding shall be valid and effective only if in writing.

Article 4
Legal Quality

The Parties acknowledge that this Memorandum of Understanding is a non-binding agreement. Each Party agrees that this Memorandum of Understanding gives no rise to legal obligations on the part of any Party. The Parties intend to use their best efforts in good faith to work together to achieve the objectives of this Memorandum of Understanding.

Article 5
Confidentiality

Neither Party shall disclose to a third party any confidential information communicated to it, without prior written consent of the other Party, save information that is in the public domain or that is required in fulfilment of a legal provision. This provision shall survive the expiration or termination of this Memorandum of Understanding.

Article 6
Amendment

This Memorandum of Understanding may be amended by mutual consent of the Parties by submitting a proposed written addendum to the other Party and by written acceptance by other Party of the said written addendum through diplomatic channels.

**Article 7
Duration**

This Memorandum of Understanding is for a duration of five (5) years after which it shall be automatically renewed for another five (5) years unless terminated by either Party by giving a three (3) months written notice in advance of its intention to terminate through diplomatic channels.

**Article 8
Governing law**

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

**Article 9
Dispute Resolution**

Any dispute that may arise between the two Parties in relation to the interpretation or application of this Memorandum of Understanding shall be settled amicably through consultation or negotiations. If the dispute cannot be amicably settled, any Party shall be at liberty to terminate the Memorandum of Understanding.

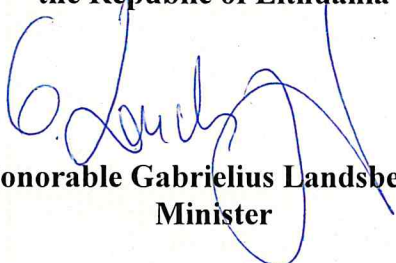
**Article 10
Effective date**

This Memorandum of Understanding will come into effect on the date of its signature by both Parties.

The foregoing represents the understanding reached between the Parties on the matters referred to in this Memorandum of Understanding.

Signed in duplicate in New York on²¹ September 2021, in the English language.

**For the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of
the Republic of Lithuania**


**Honorable Gabrielius Landsbergis
Minister**

**For the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and
International Cooperation of the
Republic of Rwanda**


**Honorable Vincent BIRUTA
Minister**