

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**  
**BETWEEN**  
**THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE REPUBLIC OF LITHUANIA**  
**AND**  
**THE MINISTRY FOR EUROPE AND FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE REPUBLIC**  
**OF ALBANIA**  
**ON BILATERAL CONSULTATIONS**

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Lithuania and the Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Albania (hereinafter referred to as “the Participants”),

*Desiring* to contribute to the development and strengthening of bilateral relations and cooperation between the two countries,

*Conscious* of the usefulness of the consultations and exchanges of views between the two countries, at different levels, on bilateral relations and international matters of common interest,

*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 upon the following understanding:

**ARTICLE 1**

The Participants hereby establish a mechanism of bilateral consultations between the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Lithuania and the Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Albania to review and examine all aspects of their bilateral 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.

## **ARTICLE 2**

Consultations on bilateral issues will include all areas of mutual interest including but not limited to political, economic, scientific, technical, cultural and educational issues.

## **ARTICLE 3**

The consultation will be held alternately in the Republic of Lithuania and in the Republic of Albania. The level, dates, venue and agendas of the meetings will be settled through the diplomatic channels on the initiative of either Participant.

## **ARTICLE 4**

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

## **ARTICLE 5**

The Participants may decide to establish working groups or organize experts' meetings to discuss in details certain subjects of mutual interest. Working groups will report the outcomes of their deliberations to the Participants for consideration.

#### **ARTICLE 6**

Each Participant will bear the expenses related to the fulfillment of this Memorandum of Understanding with the resources allocated in its respective budget, in accordance with the prevailing laws and regulations of its respective country and to the extent of its possibilities.

#### **ARTICLE 7**

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

#### **ARTICLE 8**

Any dispute on the interpretation or implementation of this Memorandum of Understanding will be settled amicably through consultations or negotiations.

#### **ARTICLE 9**

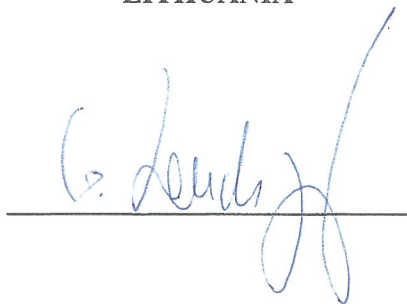
This Memorandum of Understanding may be amended upon mutual written agreement by the Participants. Such amendments will enter into force in accordance with the provisions of Article 10 and will constitute an integral part of this Memorandum of Understanding.

## ARTICLE 10

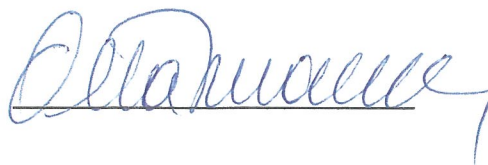
This Memorandum of Understanding will enter into force on the date of signature. This Memorandum of Understanding is concluded for an indefinite period and will remain in force until the expiration of three (3) months from the date of the receipt through diplomatic channels of written notification from one of the Participants of its intention to terminate it.

Done at Tirana, on 4 May 2022, in two originals in the English language.

**FOR THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN  
AFFAIRS OF THE REPUBLIC OF  
LITHUANIA**

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**FOR THE MINISTRY FOR EUROPE  
AND FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE  
REPUBLIC OF ALBANIA**

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