

PROTOCOL

On Cooperation between the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Lithuania and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Romania.

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- To strengthen the relations between the two countries on the basis of the respect of sovereignty, territorial integrity and non interference;
- To retain and to develop the rules of good neighbourliness and principles of the United Nations Charter, the CSCE Documents and the Charter of Paris;
- To further reinforce the commitments between them in order to upgrade their bilateral relations;
- To develop new forms of cooperation between the two countries;

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To further expand political dialogue at Foreign Ministry level as follows;

Article 1

The Foreign Ministers of the two countries will meet at least once a year in order to assess the overall relations, to identify ways and means conducive to closer cooperation, to discuss and to analyze international issues.

Article 2

Meetings will also be held between Deputy Ministers/Secretaries of State, heads of departments and experts of the two respective Ministries of Foreign Affairs.

Following a request by any of the two Ministries, their representatives could meet at any time.

The level, agenda, time and place of the consultations shall be determined in advance by mutual agreement.

Article 3

The competent officials of the two Ministries, subject to previous agreement where necessary, will hold consultation on bilateral relations and on international issues of the following areas:

- a) bilateral political cooperation;
- b) government tasks to promote development of economic and trade relations;
- c) bilateral consular cooperation as well as cooperation in matters of the press and information, foreign policy analysis and planning, and questions of international law;
- d) the CSCE process, human rights and fundamental freedoms and all questions of the new structure of European security and cooperation;
- e) the European processes and institutions of integration, with particular emphasis on the Parties membership to the Council of Europe, development of relations with the European Communities and their organisations, and the Parties experiences in these fields;
- f) European regional schemes of cooperation;
- g) the extra-European situation, with particular emphasis on regional conflicts, the United Nations and the enlargement of its role.

Article 4

The Lithuanian and Romania diplomatic missions in third countries and to the United Nations, the Council of Europe and other International Organisations as well as the Parties Delegations to the fora of the Conference of Security and Cooperation in Europe will strengthen their relations and exchange of information, especially on pending issues of interest to any or both of them.

Article 5

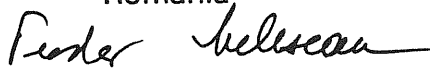
The Protocol shall enter into force on the day of signing and shall remain valid for a period of three years. It shall be considered as automatically renewed for consecutive periods of two years unless terminated by one of the Parties with three months notice before expiry of any given period.

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