

**Agreement on Cooperation in the area of tourism
between
the Ministry for Regional Development of the Czech Republic
and
the Ministry of Culture and Tourism of the Republic of Azerbaijan**

The Ministry for Regional Development of the Czech Republic and the Ministry of Culture and Tourism of the Republic of Azerbaijan (hereinafter referred to as “ the Contracting Parties”),

wishing to further develop cooperation between their nations in the area of tourism, and convinced of the need to cultivate active cooperation in the area of tourism while taking each nation’s potential into account,
and taking note of the Contracting Parties’ joint efforts to preserve natural, environmental and cultural resources with the aim of ensuring sustainable development in the tourism sector,

have agreed as follows:

Article 1

The Contracting Parties will specifically strive to bolster and develop relations between both countries in the area of tourism with a view to improving the mutual discovery of both nations’ history and culture.

The Contracting Parties will support cooperation between companies, organisations, institutions and other bodies in the area of tourism in both countries.

Article 2

The Contracting Parties will strive to bolster cooperation supporting the development of the tourism sector and, to this end, will support the exchange of experts with the aim of developing marketing in the area of tourism.

Article 3

The Contracting Parties shall implement the following activities:

- a) the exchange of experts in the area of tourism with the aim of bolstering its potential and the realisation of exhibitions, symposia and seminars with the aim of supporting tourism in both countries;
- b) the exchange of technical, statistical and tourist material relating to tourism;
- c) cooperation in the area of travel and tourism legislation.

Article 4

The Contracting Parties will strive for the organisation and exchange of information on educational programs of common interest in the area of tourism, relating to tourism and hotel management and this by exchanging information on conducted studies and their results.

Article 5

The Contracting Parties will also strive for the further development of cooperation between relevant bodies in the context of international organisations which are active in the tourism sector and exchange information on achieved results.

Article 6

All forms of cooperation arising from this Agreement will be executed in accordance with the Contracting Parties' internal legislation.

Article 7

The Contracting Parties will set up a Joint Working Committee in an effort to ensure the implementation of this Agreement, the coordination of cooperation between relevant bodies and to monitor the realisation of the Contracting Parties' joint projects, which will propose a work program for the coming years and set priorities for cooperation between both countries at its first meeting.

The Contracting Parties can invite experts and private sector representatives from both countries to take part in the activities of the Joint Working Committee.

Article 8

The Contracting Parties can, based on mutual consent, make additions or amendments to this Agreement in the form of protocols, which will become an integral part of this Agreement and which shall come into force in accordance with Article 9 of this Agreement.

Article 9

This Agreement enters into force on the day of its signature and is concluded for an indefinite period. Either of the Contracting Parties may terminate this Agreement at any time in writing. This Agreement shall be terminated six months following the receipt of notification of the termination of this Agreement by the other Contracting Party.

Done at Prague on April “5th” 2012 in two originals, each in the Czech, Azerbaijani and English languages, all texts being equally authentic. In case of any divergence in interpretation, the English text shall prevail.

**On behalf of
the Ministry for Regional Development
of the Czech Republic**

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**On behalf
of the Ministry of Culture and Tourism of
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