

**AGREEMENT ESTABLISHING A  
SISTER STATE RELATIONSHIP  
AND**

REPUBLIC OF KOSOVO	
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**COLLABORATION BETWEEN THE REPUBLIC OF KOSOVO AND  
THE STATE OF IOWA (UNITED STATES OF AMERICA)**

Between the Republic of Kosovo, represented by the President of the Republic of Kosovo H.E. Atifete Jahjaga and the State of Iowa (United States of America), represented by the Governor, Terry E. Branstad, who henceforth will be known as the Parties, with the intention of establishing friendly relations and conscious that the present agreement shall contribute to reinforcing good relations between the parties, favoring, furthermore, the growth of understanding and friendship between their respective populations.

**IT IS AGREED AS FOLLOWS**

The Parties agree to define with the present document the framework of collaboration and of a Sister State relationship.

**ARTICLE I**

The collaboration between the two Parties will focus on:

- a. the promotion of relations between educational and cultural institutions, including relationships between universities and centers of research;
- b. the exchange of information and experience in the field of professional training and cultural promotion, including the performance and visual arts;
- c. the exchange of information and experience in the field of tourism and sports;
- d. the exchange of information and experience in the field of agricultural production and agricultural food processing;
- e. the exchange of information and experience in judicial and legal procedure and training;
- f. the exchange of information and experience in law enforcement
- g. the exchange of information and experience in the field of health;
- h. the exchange of information and experience in the field of protection of the environment;
- i. the study of transportation and communication systems;
- j. the exchange of information and experience in the field of economic activity;
- k. the development of relations between local administrations of the respective territories.

**ARTICLE 2**

Each Party will designate one or more persons responsible for the proper administration of this Agreement. The parties may agree to create a steering committee or *ad hoc* task forces to implement the agreement or particular parts of it. The Committee or Task Forces will govern themselves according to rules and procedures agreed upon between the two parties.

### **ARTICLE 3**

The Parties will agree to an operative protocol to define the themes and conditions of common actions of collaboration. In particular:

- a. Each year, alternating, an exchange of official delegations of the Parties will take place.
- b. The number of participants in each official delegation shall be as agreed between the parties, including the interpreter.
- c. The cost of transportation of the travelling delegation and other expenses, including food and lodging, shall be allocated between the parties as agreed upon by the parties for each delegation.
- d. The program for the visit of delegations and every other program shall be agreed upon by the Parties.

### **ARTICLE 4**

The Parties agree to be responsible in order to facilitate the development of the collaboration by:

- providing favorable conditions for each, within its own territory, in accordance to domestic legislation.
- organizing exhibitions, fairs and promotional activities,
- planning and executing exchanges of reciprocal advantage in the fields listed in ARTICLE 1, in accordance to ARTICLE 2.

### **ARTICLE 5**

The Parties will exchange the publications and the information necessary for the development of the collaboration.

### **ARTICLE 6**

The Parties will encourage the establishment of sister city relationships between individual cities in the Republic of Kosovo and the State of Iowa.

### **ARTICLE 7**

The Parties will encourage interpersonal contacts between persons and institutions involved in the arts and in culture, promoting exchanges between individuals and public and private organizations.

## ARTICLE 8

The present Agreement will take effect at the moment of signing and has a validity of five years. The Agreement shall be tacitly renewed every five years if, at that time, neither of the Parties has renounced it at least three months before the expiration date.

The Agreement of Collaboration and Sister State Relationship is drafted in three copies, one in the Albanian language, one in the Serbian language, and one in the English Language, each having equal force. In case of any disagreement of the terms, the English version shall be controlling.

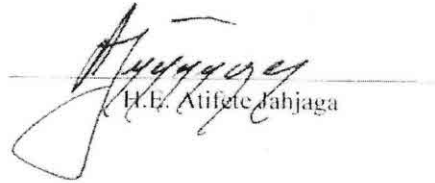
The Agreement is signed in Pristina, Republic of Kosovo on this day 7 of July, 2013

The Governor of the State of Iowa



Terry E. Branstad

The President of the Republic of Kosovo



H.E. Atifete Jahjaga

## ADDENDUM

The organizations and the addresses to refer to for contacts deriving from the present Agreement are:

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