

GENERAL ACCORD ON COOPERATION



BETWEEN

THE ARCHITECTS' COUNCIL OF EUROPE

AND

THE UNION OF ARCHITECTS OF RUSSIA

On the basis of Memorandum on Mutual Recognition between the International Union of Architects (UIA) and the Architects' Council of Europe (ACE) of April 29, 2006

and

WHEREAS:

- The Architects' Council of Europe (ACE) is the representative body for the architectural profession in the European Union, with, as Member Organisations, registration and professional architectural organisations from the EU Member States;

and

- The Union of Architects of Russia (UAR) is a professional body for Architects in the Federation of Russia;

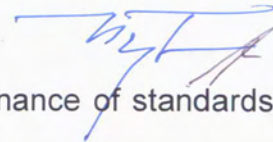
PURPOSE

Affirming that Architecture is an intellectual, cultural, artistic and professional activity; Architectural service therefore is a professional service, which is both cultural and economic;

The ACE and the UAR wish to engage in a general cooperation agreement while fully respecting the diversity of their cultural and political background;

RECOGNISING THAT:

- Architects throughout the European Union and the Russian Federation seek integrity, professionalism, and competence in the practice of architecture and offer society the skills and stewardship necessary to develop and protect the built environment;
- Architects formulate and assess curricula and content of courses in undergraduate architectural education, and of courses in initial and continuing professional formation, to meet both Society's and the profession's own needs;

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- Architects participate in or control the establishment and maintenance of standards for architectural registration and licensing;
 - Registration with member registration bodies, and membership of professional organisations is open to architects duly qualified under applicable local or national statutes or regulations;

ACE AND UAR:

- Share the desire to:

Promote understanding, fellowship and freedom of movements and establishment between architects in the European Union and the Russian Federation;

Promote the practice for announcing architectural competitions adopted for the European Union to be introduced at the territory of the Russian Federation and attract architects from each party to participate in competitions announced at the other party's territory;

Promote the profession's aesthetic, professional, scientific, social and technical effectiveness;

Advance standards of architectural education, training and practice;

Provide leadership in the construction sector to promote a better environment for human life and global protection;

And make the profession of ever-increasing service to society;

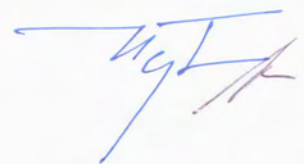
- Recognise that environmental quality, consumer protection, and public safety, health and welfare require support through legislative backing and professional standards of design and practice.

ACE AND UAR AGREE TO EXCHANGE INFORMATION:

To the extent that resources and priorities reasonably permit, on:

- Architectural education and training;
- Professional ethics and standards, institutional governance, board and officer training, committee structures, programme planning and assessment, in their respective organisations, and Member Organisations;
- Architect registration and licensing procedures;
- Architectural design and practice, to include legislation and public policy on planning, architecture, and environment; planning, conservation and construction codes; practice guides and standards; construction specifications and contracts; public and private procurement procedures;

- And electronic means of communication and practice.



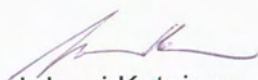
ACE AND UAR FURTHER AGREE:

To the extent that resources and priorities reasonably permit:

- To exchange liaison delegates and representatives, funded by the respective organisations, who may from time to time be invited as observers to relevant Meetings and deliver statements on behalf of their organisations;
- To seek to facilitate the exchange of architectural exhibitions and material for publication within their respective networks;
- Use the experience of the ACE (establishment of Architects' Chambers) for specifying the UAR Regulations on Certified Architects;
- To promote a better understanding by the relevant respective Registration Bodies and Legislative Organs of the architectural and professional standards and values pertaining in each others' areas and to facilitate mutual understanding;
- To encourage their respective competent authorities to negotiate and agree on the mutual recognition of standards in education, examination, registration and licensing, and to negotiate and agree on equal access to the market for provision of architectural services in their respective areas;
- To consult with one another so as to advance the work of the UIA through participation in its Congresses, Assemblies, Work Groups and Commissions.

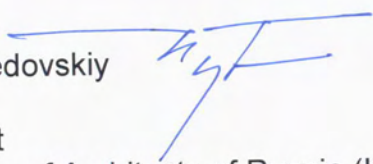
THIS ACCORD IS EFFECTIVE:

For five years from the date of signature unless abrogated by either party and may be revised at any time or may be continued by mutual agreement.



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