**Memorandum of Understanding between the Foreign and Commonwealth Office of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Ministry of Culture of the Republic of Cuba on enhancing cooperation in culture.**

The Foreign and Commonwealth Office of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Ministry of Culture of the Republic of Cuba, hereinafter referred to as the participants;

With the intention of strengthening and developing closer cooperation between their two countries in the field of culture;

Highlighting the achievements of individuals, organisations, and institutions of the two countries in the world of culture;

Highlighting the support given by the two countries to the promotion of culture;

Convinced that cooperation in the field of culture will contribute to deepening friendly relations and mutual understanding between the peoples of both countries;

Have reached an understanding to enhance bilateral dialogue and cooperation in the area of culture by:

* Encouraging and promoting cultural co-operation and knowledge of the culture of either country;
* Facilitating direct contacts, events and exchanges, including exchanges of information in the fields of the performing arts, the visual arts, film, architecture, history, cultural and national heritage, museums and galleries, libraries and archives, creative industries and in other cultural areas.

This Memorandum will come into effect on the date of signature and remain in operation thereafter unless terminated by either participant with ninety days’ written notice.

Signed in Havana on 28 April 2016, in English and Spanish, in two original copies, both texts being equally valid.

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| **The Rt Hon Philip Hammond, MP,****Secretary of State for****Foreign and Commonwealth****Affairs of the United Kingdom****of Great Britain and Northern Ireland** | **HE Julián González Toledo****Minister of Culture of the Republic of Cuba** |