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Memorandum on Cooperation between
the Azerbaijan National Library named after M. F. Akhundov
and the National Library of Estonia

The Azerbaijan National Library named after M. F. Akhundov and the National Library of Estonia, hereinafter referred to as "Participants",

Wishing to further strengthen the relationship existing between the two libraries and in order to develop the relevant cooperation

Have reached the following understanding:

Article 1

The Participants will cooperate in the fields of automation of library bibliography processes, electronic exchange and delivery of documents, scientific bibliography, restoration and conservation of rare books and personnel training.

Article 2

In order to exchange experience and knowledge on perspectives of development and achievements in the fields of library science and library information, the Participants will develop cooperation in the following areas:

- automation of library bibliography processes;
- reciprocal use of electronic catalogue and electronic libraries;
- management of databases;
- conducting scientific researches in the fields of book and book publishing;
- safeguarding, restoration and conservation of rare books;
- development of the exchange of digital copies of rare books and manuscripts in order to improve the quality of the archives of the libraries;
- organization of book exhibitions;
- exchange of experience between specialists of all fields of library work, organization of training courses, workshops, scientific conferences and symposiums.

Article 3

The Participants may arrange mutual professional visits and exchanges of librarians, subject to their respective professional interests, priorities and available resources.

The arrangements for each visit shall be agreed upon separately by the Participants. All expenses related to such visits, including international and local transportation, accommodation and meals, shall be covered by the sending Participant.

In the context of staff exchanges, the Participants shall follow the general principle that participating staff members should have English language proficiency of at least B2 level according to the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR).

The use of other languages may be agreed upon on a case-by-case basis, subject to the mutual consent of both Participants.

Article 4

This Memorandum of Understanding may be amended by written mutual consent of the Participants in the form of separate protocols being an integral part of this Memorandum and entering into effect in accordance with Paragraph 6 of this Memorandum.

Article 5

This Memorandum does not create for the states of Participants any rights and obligations regulated by international law.

Article 6

This Memorandum will come into effect on the date of its signature.

Article 7

This Memorandum is concluded for a period of five (5) years and will be automatically extended for the next five (5) years period unless either of Party notifies at least three (3) months prior to its expiration the other Party in writing of its intention to terminate it.

This Memorandum was signed in Baku on "23" October 2026 in three original copies, each in the Azerbaijani, Estonian and English languages, all texts being equally authentic. In case of divergence of interpretation, the English text will prevail.

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