



GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF ARMENIA



**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF ARMENIA
AND
THE INTERNATIONAL ALLIANCE FOR THE PROTECTION OF HERITAGE – ALIPH**

The present Memorandum of Understanding (hereinafter referred to as “MOU”) is a joint undertaking between:

The Government of the Republic of Armenia, represented by the Ministry of Education, Science, Culture and Sport, hereinafter referred to as “Ministry”

And

The International alliance for the protection of heritage – ALIPH, represented by its Executive Director, hereinafter referred to as “ALIPH”

Hereinafter referred to as “the Parties”

Whereas,

The Ministry of Education, Science, Culture and Sport of the Republic of Armenia and ALIPH have signed a Memorandum of Understanding on 2 July 2024 in Yerevan, establishing a framework for cooperation in the preservation and restoration of historical and cultural monuments, sites, and collections in Armenia;

The Government of the Republic of Armenia, through a letter dated 17 November 2025 signed by H.E. Ararat Mirzoyan, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Armenia, and addressed to Mr. Valéry Freland, Executive Director of ALIPH, has expressed its intention to accede to ALIPH and to support its mission, including through voluntary annual financial contributions;

The Ministry has demonstrated a strong and consistent approach to the protection of cultural heritage and shares ALIPH’s mission to protect and rehabilitate heritage at risk through effective, timely, and coordinated international action;

ALIPH is an alliance between multiple states and private partners and a non-profit foundation based in Geneva, Switzerland, enjoying privileges and immunities of an international organization under the Headquarters Agreement signed with the Swiss Confederation on 11 October 2017. The purpose of the Foundation is to attract, leverage, manage, and invest resources for the implementation of preventive and emergency protection programmes for cultural property in danger of destruction, damage, or looting on account

of conflict or climate change impact, including natural disasters, in conflict, post-conflict, or crisis areas, and to contribute to the rehabilitation of such property;

The Parties share the values of neutrality, agility, efficiency, and concrete action in the service of cultural heritage protection in conflict, post-conflict and crisis areas.

It is agreed as follows:

Article 1: Purpose of the MOU

The purpose of this MOU is to formalize the terms and conditions regarding Armenia's accession to ALIPH as a member-state and its financial contribution to the ALIPH Foundation.

Article 2: Duration of the MOU

This MOU shall enter into force on the date of signature by the last of the two Parties. It shall remain in force for a period of five years after the date of entering into force, or until all terms and payments described herein have been completed.

Article 3: Use of funds and payment schedule

The total amount of Armenia's contribution under this MOU shall be 200,000 USD (two hundred thousand US dollars) over a period of five years, with a first installment of 25,000 (twenty five thousands US dollars) paid in 2026.

Armenia will participate in ALIPH's 3rd ALIPH Donors' Conference, and may on this occasion reaffirm its commitment to ALIPH and to cultural heritage protection.

Funds will be used for the purpose of ALIPH's mission as defined in the organization's Bylaws. Funds will cover grants awarded to operators to implement projects approved by ALIPH as well as the Secretariat's operational expenses as planned in the annual budget approved by the Foundation Board.

In order to ensure ALIPH's operations can continue uninterrupted, it is preferable that payments are made on an annual basis, during the first quarter of each calendar year.

Article 4: Actions of the Parties

1. The Ministry hereby agrees to:

1.1 Designate a representative to ALIPH's Foundation Board;

1.2 Participate in the life and work of ALIPH as a voting member of the Foundation Board;

1.3 Disburse funding in accordance with the terms and schedule defined above;

1.4 Where appropriate, coordinate with ALIPH to promote this partnership, through discussion and presentation in relevant fora, and through potential participation and collaboration in relevant public engagements and events;

2. ALIPH hereby agrees to:

2.1 Acknowledge receipt of funds to Armenia;

- 2.2 Utilize the funds exclusively towards activities that are in accordance with the mission and purposes of ALIPH, as outlined in the Bylaws of the organization;
- 2.3 Respect the laws and regulations in force in the countries where projects are being implemented;
- 2.4 Manage funds with sound financial practices, integrity, and transparency with regards to project and operational expenditures;
- 2.5 Where appropriate, coordinate with the Ministry to promote this partnership, through discussion and presentation in relevant fora, and through potential participation and collaboration in relevant public engagements and events.

Article 5: Reporting

ALIPH will communicate to the Ministry on a regular basis progress made towards the mission of the Foundation, through Foundation Board meetings (in which the representative of the Ministry will participate), and dissemination of annual reports and of the annual audited financial statement.

Article 6: Communication and Publicity

ALIPH shall credit Armenia as a full member-state of ALIPH, along with its recognition of other member-states and private donors, in all printed and digital materials, including press releases, annual reports, the ALIPH website, and other publications.

ALIPH and its representatives will also mention the Ministry's participation and support of the organization during presentations, speeches, and meetings with relevant stakeholders.

Article 7: Responsibilities of the Parties

The Ministry cannot be held responsible in the event of material or other forms of damage that results from the activities carried out by ALIPH and its grantees under this MOU.

Article 8: Modification and termination

This Memorandum may be amended by mutual written consent of the Parties.

By mutual written consent of the Parties, amendments and supplements may be made to this Memorandum, which shall be considered integral parts of this Memorandum and shall be formulated in separate protocols, which shall enter into force in accordance with Article 2 of this Memorandum.

Each Party shall have the right to terminate this Memorandum by giving at least three (3) months' prior written notice to the other Party. At the time of termination of the Memorandum, the funds already paid out at the time of termination will be considered final, and neither Party may request reimbursement for funds already paid.

Article 9: Dispute settlement mechanisms

Any disputes arising out of or in connection with this MOU shall be resolved by mutual agreement, consultation, or negotiation in good faith between the Parties.

MOU is signed in two originals in English.

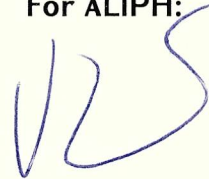
**For the Government of
the Republic of Armenia:**



Zhanna Andreasyan
Minister

Date: 05.05.2026
Location: Yerevan

For ALIPH:



Valéry FRELAND
Executive Director

Date: 05.05.2026
Location: Yerevan