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STATUTES

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1. Name, Place of Business, Business Year

- 1.1 The Association is named
“Institut für Auslandsbeziehungen e.V.” (ifa).
It is registered in the registry of associations.
- 1.2 The place of business of the Association is Stuttgart with a branch in Berlin.
Further branches may be established.
- 1.3 The business year is the calendar year.

2. Purpose of the Association, Charitable Status

2.1 The purpose of the Association is to promote understanding between peoples, intercultural dialogue, and an understanding of Germany abroad, in particular through international collaboration in the fields of art and culture, the media, peace research, and information, research and further education in foreign cultural and education policy. The Association fulfils the purpose named in these Statutes exclusively and directly. In particular, it works as a mediating organisation in foreign affairs of the Federal Republic of Germany within the boundaries of the purpose stated in these Statutes.

2.2 The purpose stated in these Statutes is realised by means of all appropriate measures. This includes in particular independent activities and organisations, and also support of the activities and organisations of others at home and abroad (insofar as their work is deemed compatible with the work of the Association). In the field of culture, the Association works on the basis of concepts devised by foreign cultural and education policy in the Foreign Ministry, in particular in the fields of art and culture, education, science, information and documentation.

Further, the Association promotes understanding of Germany abroad through measures within the scope of the political public relations work of the Foreign Office.

2.3 The Association is a charitable organisation. Its activities are not primarily aimed at own business purposes. It solely and directly pursues charitable aims in the sense of “tax-privileged purposes” within the German Fiscal Code. The Association’s funds may only be used for purposes conforming with its Statutes. Members receive no means from Association funds in their capacity as members.

2.4 No persons may be favoured through expenses that do not conform with the purposes of the Association or through inappropriately high remunerations.

3. Membership

3.1 The Association consists of

- ordinary members
- a member by reason of office and
- extraordinary members.

3.2 Ordinary members are

- a) the Federal Republic of Germany, represented by two delegates of the Foreign Office with entitlement to vote and one delegate of the Federal Government Commissioner for Culture and the Media with entitlement to vote,

the state of Baden-Württemberg, represented by one delegate with entitlement to vote from the Ministry of Science, Research and Art and one delegate with entitlement to vote from the Ministry of Finance,

the state capital city of Stuttgart, represented by a delegate from the Department of Culture with entitlement to vote,

as funders,

- b) a named member of parliament from each of the parliamentary fractions of the German Bundestag and a named delegate from the Committee for Science, Research and Art at the state parliament of the state of Baden-Württemberg and a named delegate from the Cultural Committee of the city parliament of the city of Stuttgart,

- c) Persons or legal persons from various fields of cultural, scientific and social affairs in the Federal Republic of Germany, who are proposed by the Executive Committee and elected by the Members' General Meeting. Their number is limited to 18. Here, members promoting ifa should be appropriately taken into consideration. Reelection is admissible twice; following a proposal by the Executive Board the Members' General Meeting may decide to waive this rule.

3.3 Member by reason of office:

- the President, irrespective of his / her status as ordinary member.

- 3.4 Extraordinary members are supporting and corresponding members.
- a) Supporting members are
natural or legal persons who support the purposes of the Association.
Supporting members pay membership fees, other members pay no membership fees.
- b) Corresponding members are
organisations active in fields that are close to the purposes of the Association and which are interested in working with the Association.
- 3.5 Ordinary members and the member by reason of office have the right to raise motions and the right to vote. Extraordinary members have the right to speak.
- 3.6 Persons who have done particular service to the work of the Association can be named honorary members by the Members' General Meeting.
- 3.7 Membership of ordinary members according to 3.2 b) expires upon leaving office or upon withdrawal of the nomination.
- 3.8 Membership of ordinary members according to 3.2 c) expires
- upon written declaration of resignation to the Executive Committee,
 - upon the conclusion of the Members' General Meeting that decides on the approval of the actions of the Executive Committee and of the Secretary General for the fourth full business year after the commencement of membership, unless the Members' General Meeting determined an earlier point of time within its decision to grant membership,
 - upon expulsion,
 - upon death.
- 3.9 Membership of an extraordinary member ends upon resignation, which is to be given in writing to the Executive Committee, or upon expulsion. Membership of a supporting member ends if this member is over three months in arrears with its payments of membership fees and has been reminded.

4. Expulsion of a Member

- 4.1 A member may only be expelled for important reason. An important reason is in particular action that damages the reputation or the interests of the Association. A member to be expelled must receive an opportunity to make a statement before expulsion. The member must be informed in writing of the expulsion.
- Upon expulsion all offices that the member holds within the Association expire.
- 4.2 An ordinary member according to 3.2 c) can be expelled by proposal of the Executive Committee and decision of the Members' General Meeting.
- 4.3 An extraordinary member according to 3.4 can be expelled by decision of the Executive Committee.

5. Bodies of the Association

The bodies of the Association are

- the Members' General Meeting
- the Executive Committee and
- the Secretary General.

6. Members' General Meeting

- 6.1 The Members' General Meeting has the following responsibilities:
- a) consultation and making recommendations on principles of the Association activities,
 - b) decisions on amendments to the Statutes,
 - c) receiving and consulting on the Executive Committee's Annual Report,
 - d) approval of the activities of the Secretary General and the Executive Committee,
 - e) acceptance and expulsion of ordinary members according to 3.2 c),
 - f) election and dismissal of members of the Executive Committee,
 - g) regulating membership fees for supporting members,
 - h) appointing auditors.

- 6.2 The regular Members' General Meeting takes place once annually. It is called by the Executive Committee in writing including the agenda at least four weeks in advance. Motions to the regular Members' General Meeting must be submitted with justification in writing at least two weeks in advance of the Members' General Meeting. This does not apply to amendments to already submitted motions.
- 6.3 The President can call an extraordinary Members' General Meeting. He/she is obliged to do so when a funder demands this or at least a third of voting members apply for it in writing including the purpose and reasons for this. In this case the members must be invited in writing at least two weeks before the day of the extraordinary Members' General Meeting.
- 6.4 The chair of the Members' General Meeting is the President.
- 6.5 Voting members present each have one vote. The Federal Republic of Germany has three votes which are internally transferable, the state of Baden-Württemberg has two internally transferable votes, which may be cast differently.
- 6.6 The Members' General Meeting is quorate when members with at least ten votes are present. In case of absence of a quorum the President may immediately call a new Members' General Meeting, for which a period of two weeks' notice is required. Section 10 here remains unaffected.
- 6.7 All decisions of the Members' General Meeting are made by simple majority, unless the Statutes state otherwise. In case of a voting tie the vote of the Chair decides. If a member so requests, ballots are held in secret.

A member of the Foreign Ministry is entitled to appeal against decisions of the Members' General Meeting that contravene the guidelines of the Foreign Ministry on matters of foreign cultural and education policy. Any such appeal must be explained in the meeting at which the decision is made; the appeal leads to that decision being retracted. In case immediate response by the representative of the Foreign Office is not possible, then he/she may make a preliminary appeal. This leads to the decision being suspended. A final declaration must be made in writing to the President within one month and must include reasons in the case that the appeal is upheld. In this case the decision is retracted.

- 6.8 Amendments to the Statues require a two-thirds majority of the votes of voting members present. These amendments also require approval from funders.
- 6.9 The agenda may be added to during the Members' General Meeting if two thirds of the votes of voting members present make an application for such. This does not apply to applications to amend the Statues or to dissolve the Association. Additions to the agenda may not be made against the vote of a funder.
- 6.10 Decisions made by the Members' General Meeting are recorded in writing, and these minutes are signed by the President and the taker of the minutes. Different opinions are added to the minutes upon application.
- 6.11 A member may not participate in a vote concerning personal matters. § 34 BGB (German Civil Code) remains unaffected.

7. Executive Committee

7.1 The Executive Committee has the following responsibilities:

- a) Determining the guiding principles and focus for activities of the Association.
- b) Appointing and dismissing the Secretary General, both of which require approval from the funders.
- c) Supervising the work of the Secretary General and representing the Association in- and out-of-court vis-à-vis the Secretary General.
- d) Decision-making concerning the medium- and short-term planning prepared by the Secretary General and on projects of particular significance.
- e) Decision-making concerning the draft business, finance and investment plans prepared by the Secretary General.
- f) Assessing the annual financial report and making recommendations to the Members' General Meeting concerning approval of the activities of the Secretary General.
- g) Assessing the Secretary General's annual report.
- h) Decision-making concerning proposals to the Members' General Meeting on the admission and expulsion of ordinary members according to 3.2 c).
- i) Decision-making concerning applications for extraordinary membership and decision-making concerning the expulsion of extraordinary members.
- j) Prior approval of decisions and measures by the Secretary General that are of fundamental significance to the Association, in particular:
 - (aa) taking up new or a significant change to or the ceasing of existing activities of the Association,
 - (bb) significant measures relating to operations and organisation,
 - (cc) the purchase, sale or mortgaging of real estate and other real estate rights,
 - (dd) taking out or granting credit, assuming guarantees, waiving demands or reaching settlements. The specific value thresholds or kinds of legal business not requiring approval can be determined by the Executive Committee (the Bundeshaushaltsordnung [Federal Budget Code] remains unaffected),
 - (ee) principal matters of personnel policy,

- (ff) appointing, dismissing or reallocating department directors,
 - (gg) other measures that are of principal or far-reaching significance for the Association, in particular concerning considerable financial obligations or risk,
 - k) Issuing operational rules for internal matters,
 - l) Preparing the Members' General Meeting.
- 7.2 The Executive Committee can issue its own Rules of Operation.
- 7.3 The Executive Committee consists of
- a) the President,
 - b) five members elected by the Members' General Meeting from among ordinary members according to 3.2 b) and c),
 - c) two representatives of the Foreign Office,
 - d) a representative of the state of Baden-Württemberg,
 - e) a representative of the state capital city of Stuttgart.

The period of office of Executive Board members a) and b) terminates upon conclusion of the Members' General Meeting that decides on the approval of the actions of the Executive Committee and of the Secretary General for the third full business year after the commencement of membership, unless the Members' General Meeting determined an earlier point of time within its decision to appoint. Executive Board members may be reelected twice in accordance with 7.3 b); following a proposal by the Executive Board the Members' General Meeting may decide to waive this rule.

- 7.4 Any necessary bye-elections will be for the remaining period of any elected office.
- 7.5 The Executive Committee is responsible for the election and the dismissal of the President, who may be not a member of the Association, and of the First and Second Vice-Presidents from among the members according to 7.3 b). These two deputise for the President in the order of First and Second. Reelection is possible twice; the Executive Board may decide to waive this rule.
- 7.6 The election and dismissal of the President require confirmation from funders. This confirmation is seen as given if the funders do not object to the election or dismissal of the President within four weeks.

- 7.7 The President has the following responsibilities – in addition to those otherwise mentioned in the Statutes:
- a) he/she represents the Association without prejudice to the legal representative powers held by the Secretary General;
 - b) he/she convenes Executive Committee meetings and chairs them;
 - c) he/she represents the Executive Committee in between meetings;
 - d) in urgent decisions made by the Secretary General that require approval of the Executive Committee, he/she can grant this approval in place of the Executive Committee. In this case, he/she must promptly inform the Executive Committee. In other cases, he/she can gain decisions of the Executive Committee by means of resolution by written circulation. He/she notes that an Executive Committee decision has been made when the majority of Executive Committee members have approved the decision in writing (also by e-mail);
 - e) he/she can participate in all meetings of all committees;
 - f) he/she sends out invitations to the Members' General Meeting and chairs it.
- 7.8 The Executive Committee makes decisions on the basis of the majority of votes of members present. In case of a voting tie the vote of the President decides. The Executive Committee is quorate when at least four members are present. Absent members may transfer their vote to another member; this member may only cast votes on behalf of one absent member.
- 7.9 A member of the Executive Committee does not take part in voting when the matter under consideration relates to him/her personally. § 34 BGB (German Civil Code) remains unaffected.
- 7.10 The Executive Committee meets at least twice per year.
- 7.11 The Secretary General takes part in Executive Committee meetings in a consulting role.
- 7.12 Without prejudice to the legal participation rights of representatives of employees, the Executive Committee may consult a representative of the Works Council on specific items on the agenda.
- 7.13 The Executive Committee may convene advisory boards to advise itself or the Secretary General and may determine their composition, responsibilities and operational procedures. Members of the Executive Committee may attend advisory board meetings.

- 7.14 The Executive Committee works in a voluntary capacity. Reasonable expenses are reimbursed.

The President may receive an allowance. Details are regulated in an Executive Committee decision.

8. Secretary General

- 8.1 The Secretary General manages the business of the Association. He/she is a Board Member in the sense of § 26 BGB (German Civil Code) and represents the Association in court and out of court. He/she is entitled as sole representative. For legal arrangements with subsidiary organisations of the Association the Secretary General is not subject to the limitations under § 181 BGB (German Civil Code). His/her responsibilities and authorisations are regulated in procedural rules.

- 8.2 The Secretary General is appointed for a period of five years. Further appointment is permitted.

- 8.3 The Secretary General is employed by the Association.

Further details are regulated in a decision of the Executive Committee.

- 8.4 The Executive Committee may appoint a Department Director as Deputy Secretary General. He/she is a Board Member in the sense of § 26 BGB (German Civil Code) and represents the Association in court and out of court. He/she is entitled as sole representative and for legal arrangements with subsidiary organisations of the Association not subject to the limitations under § 181 BGB (German Civil Code). Internally, the Deputy Secretary General will only make use of his/her right to act as deputy when the Secretary General is unavailable. 8.2 and 8.5 apply to the Deputy General Director as appropriate.

- 8.5 If the Secretary General leaves office before the end of the regular term of office, then the President immediately calls a meeting of the Executive Committee to appoint a successor.

- 8.6 The Executive Committee may appoint special representatives for specific business in accordance with § 30 BGB (German Civil Code).

9. Association Assets

In case of dissolution or suspension of the Association or if tax-privileged purposes cease to apply, the assets of the Association are transferred to a public body or another tax-privileged body to be used to promote the idea of understanding between peoples, including in the fields of art and culture. Any decision on the use of assets requires the approval of the funder.

10. Dissolution of the Association

- 10.1 The Association is dissolved upon a decision by the Members' General Meeting, which requires the approval of the funders.
- 10.2 The Members' General Meeting is entitled to decide in this matter when at least two thirds of voting members are represented. If the Members' General Meeting is not quorate, then a second General Meeting is to be called within one month and to be held at the latest two months after the preceding Members' General Meeting.
- 10.3 The second Members' General Meeting may decide to dissolve the Association without restriction due to the number of voting members present.
- 10.4 The decision to dissolve the Association requires in all cases a majority of three quarters of the votes of voting members present.

Signed in the original version of 22 August 1997 by:

- I. Federal Republic of Germany, represented by the Foreign Office
p.p. A. Meitzner (seal)
- II. State of Baden-Württemberg, represented by the Ministry for Science,
Research and Art
Uhlmann (seal)
- III. State capital city of Stuttgart
Magdowski (seal)
- IV. Robert Bosch GmbH
Graf zu Dohna
- V. Daimler-Benz AG
Baumgart
- VI. Professor Dr. Götz Adriani
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Version approved by the Members' General Meeting of 26 September 2018, signed by:

DR. BERNT GRAF ZU DOHNA

acting President

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Presentation abroad of cultural life and affairs in Germany by means of exhibitions, exhibition support, implementation of the German contribution to the Venice Art Biennale, and information on the fine arts [...];

Promoting and undertaking international exchange in the field of art between Germany and abroad[...];

Promoting international and intercultural dialogue [...];

Cultural promotion of German minorities in central eastern and south eastern European states;

Dissemination of a comprehensive contemporary image of Germany [...];

Promoting the development of free and independent media abroad [...].”

FRAMEWORK AGREEMENT

The following Framework Agreement is agreed

between The Federal Republic of Germany,
represented by the Federal Foreign Minister,
represented by the Head of the Department for Culture and
Communication,
in the following Foreign Office,

on the one hand -

and Institut für Auslandsbeziehungen e.V. (ifa), Stuttgart,
represented by the Board,
in the following ifa,

on the other.

§ 1 Responsibilities

- 1) Within the scope of its constitutional responsibility for foreign affairs, the Foreign Office commissions ifa in accordance with its statutes with the performance of the following tasks, in the following contractual duties:
 - a) Presentation abroad of cultural life and affairs in Germany by means of exhibitions, exhibition support, implementation of the German contribution to the Venice Art Biennale, and information on the fine arts (e.g. painting, graphic art, sculpture, installations, photography, video art, architecture, design, new media);
 - b) Promoting and undertaking international exchange in the field of art between Germany and abroad, in order to facilitate mutual exchange and partnerships by means of the support and implementation of relevant cultural events within Germany;
 - c) Promoting international and intercultural dialogue on the basis of the conceptual guidelines of the foreign cultural and education policy of the Foreign Office;
 - d) Cultural promotion of German minorities in central eastern and south eastern European states;
 - e) Documentation of foreign cultural and education policy, of cultural exchange, and international cultural relations (by means of a specialised library, a journal, and internet portals), and promotion of the political and academic discourses on these themes in research, teaching and media;
 - f) Dissemination of a comprehensive contemporary image of Germany and promoting the understanding of Germany abroad by means of measures within the scope of the political public relations work of the Foreign Office;
 - g) Promoting the development of free and independent media abroad, insofar as this is required for the internal stabilisation and democratic development of other states;
 - h) Supporting other organisations that promote international relations.

- 2) Certain elements of the contractual duties are further specified in the Agreement on the Distribution of Tasks and Cooperation between GI [Goethe-Institut] and ifa of 14.02.2006 (“Cooperation Agreement”).
- 3) In order to perform this contract, ifa receives a budget the amount of which is decided upon in the form of a grant from the Foreign Office within the scope of the total budget available.
- 4) The activities of the Foreign Office in these areas, in particular contracts with third parties and the promotion of organisations abroad that promote cultural exchange, remain unaffected by this Framework Agreement.
- 5) ifa fulfils these contractual duties independently as an intermediary organisation within the field of foreign affairs. This is undertaken within the scope of the guidelines, the global and regional planning, and the coordination of the Foreign Office, in particular in the field of foreign cultural and education policy and political public relations work abroad and on the basis of agreed or to-be-agreed target agreements and other agreements concerning specific programmes between the Foreign Office and ifa.
- 6) The Foreign Office may commission ifa with further contractual duties in the sense of § 1 paragraph 1, or may by mutual agreement commission ifa to resume temporarily discontinued tasks or to increase the scope of tasks undertaken with smaller scope.
The kind and scope of these tasks are stipulated in the target agreement and individually from case to case.

§ 2 Contents and Procedure of the Cooperation

- 1) In performing the contractual duties, the Foreign Office and ifa work closely together on the basis of trust.
- 2) The Foreign Office and ifa oblige their staff and employees to principles of loyalty. The Foreign Office informs ifa as to its aims, in particular in the fields of foreign cultural and education policy and political public relations work abroad. The Foreign Office makes the contents of its fundamental decrees and of significant reports from its representations abroad known to ifa and informs ifa as to ideas, questions and complaints, decisions, and other events insofar as these are significant for the work of ifa. The Foreign Office in principle invites ifa to its meetings and consultations insofar as these are relevant for the performance of contractual duties, and it hears the views of ifa on the themes and issues in question.
- 3) ifa informs the Foreign Office about its plans and its work and about measures and other events that affect the cooperation or the scope of responsibility of the Foreign Office.
- 4) Regular consultations are held between the Foreign Office as funder and ifa, at which the planning and current programmes and their implementation within the scope of the contractual duties according to § 1 are discussed. ifa prepares these consultations by drawing up planning documentation, unless otherwise agreed.
- 5) ifa informs the Foreign Office in good time as to planned travel abroad by ifa staff.
- 6) Should the Foreign Office have reservations concerning an ifa project, due to considerations in foreign policy or for security reasons, then ifa will comply with these reservations.

§ 3 Financial Plan

- 1) ifa shall provide a draft financial plan for the following financial year annually to the Foreign Office, based on the form and principles of the Federal Budget Plan, including plans for personnel and organisation. Dates for the presentation of this draft financial plan are communicated to ifa as early as possible. ifa will be kept informed on the progress of the budgetary procedures.
- 2) The Foreign Office presents ifa with a binding personnel plan after the financial plan has been approved by the Federal Ministry of Finance. Deviations from this personal plan require prior approval from the Foreign Office.

§ 4 Funding

- 1) The Foreign Office provides funding to ifa in accordance with the needs of the contractual duties and with the approved financial plan. This Foreign Office decides the amount of this funding with the scope of the budget available in the form of a grant notification to ifa.
- 2) Supplementary programme agreements regulating the general aims and the specific modalities of cooperation may be made for specific comprehensive projects.
- 3) The Federal principles for the use of grants and the evaluation of usage (administrative regulations of the Federal Budget Code and general principles of financial management), which have been determined in the implementation of §§ 23, 44 Federal Budget Code, and the specific supplementary provisions of the Foreign Office for the allocation of federal budget funds are all, in their present valid form, integral components of this Framework Agreement. The Foreign Office shall inform ifa at the earliest possible notice of any alterations of or additions to the specific adjunct provisions. The same applies for any necessary further requirements.
- 4) ifa may only enter into legal obligations required for the performance of contractual duties within the scope of this Framework Agreement and only within the scope of the funding approved for this by the Foreign Office.

- 5) In accordance with § 2 paragraph 2 of the Administration Agreement between the Foreign Office, the Federal State of Baden-Württemberg and the city of Stuttgart of 1.1.1983, Foreign Office funding is provided solely to cover institutional and project-related costs that ifa is not able to cover with its own means (deficit funding). In addition, the Foreign Office may provide further funding within the scope of project support, and also thereby select other forms of financing.
- 6) The funding approved by the Foreign Office is provided to ifa in the form of a request procedure in accordance with the “Administrative Regulations for the Payment of Federal Funds to Funding Receivers and to Administering Bodies outside of Federal Administration Following a Request Procedure,” unless other legal budgetary procedures are used for specific programmes. Insofar as ifa follows the provisions of these guidelines, it requests funds only when and only insofar as they are required to instigate due payments within the scope of their designated use. Any funds not used by the end of the financial year are reimbursed to the Foreign Office.
- 7) In the case that funds are not used in accordance with designated purposes, then any ensuing decisions are made by the Foreign Office, in particular concerning demands for repayment and interest from the receiver. Should ifa ascertain any inappropriate use of funds, it will immediately inform the Foreign Office, giving exact details and outlining its position on responsibility.
- 8) The provisions of § 23 in conjunction with § 44 Federal Budget Code, the administrative provisions determined in association with these, and § 48 to 49 a of the Administrative Procedures Act, insofar as in the guidelines provided in § 4 paragraph 7 do not permit exceptions, apply to the approval, payment, and accounting of funds, and the proof and controlling of their use, and any necessary rescission of the funding notice and demands for repayment of funding allocated.

§ 5 Proof of Use

- 1) ifa provides the Foreign Office at the latest by 30.06. of the following year statistical overviews of income and expenditures incurred in accordance with the structure of the financial plan, and also provides a report on activities undertaken. In addition, ifa provides the Foreign Office with an accountant's audit at the latest by 1 September of the following year. The full documentation of use of funds is audited by the Federal Office of Administration and commissioned by the Foreign Office. Any audits of ifa at ifa premises by the Foreign Office or the Federal Audit Office remain unaffected by this.
- 2) The Foreign Office may determine procedures on the form of bookkeeping and accounting, insofar as these correspond to taxation and association law and do not contravene any other regulations. Questions and complaints arising from the auditing of proof and documentation of use must be immediately dealt with by ifa.

§ 6 Legal Relations of Employees

- 1) ifa employees funded by federal funds may not be advantaged with respect to comparable federal employees.
- 2) ifa arrangements that go beyond or are outside of the remit of federal tariffs require the approval of the Foreign Office.
- 3) ifa applies the principles of the Federal Act on Gender Equality in its relevant valid form.

§ 7 Period and Scope of Validity

- 1) This Framework Agreement applies to all already existing legal relations. It is agreed for an unlimited period of time and can be terminated by either party at the end of a year and with a termination notice period of twelve months. Termination must be in writing.
- 2) This Framework Agreement will be considered terminated at the end of a year by ifa in the case that any alteration of statutes is undertaken against the objection of the Foreign Office and the Foreign Office maintains this objection in writing to the President of ifa after examination of the matter within two weeks after the disclosure of the alteration to the statutes.
- 3) If this Framework Agreement is terminated, then the Foreign Office will provide the funds required to fulfil ongoing obligations. In the case that obligations are to be entered into after termination, then approval from Foreign Office must be sought.
- 4) After termination of this Framework Agreement, ifa will terminate all contracts that have been agreed within the scope of contractual duties at the earliest possible juncture. Funds not used are to be reimbursed to the Foreign Office as quickly as possible.
- 5) The Administrative Agreement between the Foreign Office, the Federal State of Baden-Württemberg and the city of Stuttgart of 01.01.1983 remains unaffected.
- 6) The invalidity of any single provisions has no effect on the validity of this Framework Agreement as a whole.

§ 8 Amendments in Writing

Alterations and additions to this Framework Agreement must be in writing. There are no non-verbal agreements.

§ 9 Jurisdiction

The jurisdiction is Berlin.

§ 10 Entry into Force

This agreement enters into force when signed and supersedes and annuls the agreement between the Federal Republic of Germany and Institut für Auslandsbeziehungen e.V. (ifa) of 4 July 2007.

Berlin, 13 February 2014

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represented by

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represented by

GRÄTZ

The Secretary General

ifa (Institut für Auslandsbeziehungen) is Germany's oldest intermediary organisation for international cultural relations. It promotes a peaceful and enriching coexistence between people and cultures worldwide. ifa supports artistic and cultural exchange in exhibition, dialogue and conference programmes, and it acts as a centre of excellence for international cultural relations. It is part of a global network and relies on sustainable, long-term partnerships. It is supported by the Federal Foreign Office of the Federal Republic of Germany, the state of Baden-Württemberg and its capital Stuttgart.

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