

DECLARATION ON CULTURAL DIPLOMACY

International Framework for Cooperation through Culture, Education and Artistic Practice

“Culture and art are not an accessory of international relations, but a strategic space in which human relationships can be rebuilt.”

PREAMBLE

In the context of contemporary global transformations, marked by persistent conflicts, instability and growing inequalities, there is an urgent need to strengthen a vision of international cooperation founded on the quality of relationships between peoples and generations.

Self-referential approaches and exclusively ego-driven dynamics represent a structural limitation to the construction of shared futures. It therefore becomes necessary to promote a paradigm grounded in mutual knowledge, shared responsibility and the recognition of a common human belonging.

VISION

Cultural diplomacy is conceived as a continuous and dynamic process that fosters encounters between people, communities and institutions, recognizes cultural diversity as a generative value, places knowledge at the centre of dialogue, and promotes processes of reciprocal learning and transformation grounded in mutual understanding and a concrete idea of fraternity.

PRINCIPLES

Culture, education and artistic practice are recognized as integrated dimensions of a broader relational framework capable of contributing to more balanced and sustainable forms of international cooperation.

COMMON PERSPECTIVE

This Declaration affirms the value of an approach founded on reciprocity, listening, openness and shared responsibility, recognizing culture, art and education as active instruments for the construction of meaningful and lasting human relations.

CONCLUSION

Investing in culture, art, education and human relationships means contributing to forms of cooperation that are not episodic but structural; not merely declared, but genuinely experienced.

ADHESION

This Declaration is open to endorsement by public institutions, universities, cultural organizations, foundations and all entities engaged in promoting international cooperation through culture, education and artistic practice.

Institution / Organisation	Representative	Signature