

**Memorandum of Understanding**  
**(Two year extension of the AGREEMENT of December 17, 1997)**

**on the co-operation between the Ministry of Education, Culture and Science of the Netherlands and the Ministry of Education of the Republic of Hungary**

**The Ministry of Education, Culture and Science of the Netherlands and the Ministry of Education of the Republic of Hungary (hereinafter referred to as “the Signatories”),**

**BEING AWARE** of the important role of education and training in society, especially in view of the foreseen accession of the Republic of Hungary to the European Union;

**CONSIDERING** the successful execution of the Agreement in the fields of training and education to the process of transformation of Hungary to a pluralistic and democratic society between the Ministry of Education, Culture and Science of the Netherlands and the Ministry of Education of the Republic of Hungary, which was undersigned on 17 December 1997, as well as the positive results of the concrete programmes which have been carried out in the framework of this Agreement;

**EMPHASIZING** the importance of further developing direct relations between the Ministry of Education of the Republic of Hungary and the Ministry of Education, Culture and Science of the Netherlands;

**HAVE COME TO THE FOLLOWING UNDERSTANDING:**

**Paragraph 1**

The Signatories will continue to effectuate and develop the co-operation to their mutual benefit, aiming at continuity in their co-operative relationships.

**Paragraph 2**

The Signatories will continue to co-operate on the basis of the Agreement signed on December 17, 1997 in a number of projects:

- I. Higher education: the Testing of Academic Skills
- II. Secondary and higher vocational education and training: qualification structures and diploma supplements
- III. Exchange of teachers and students in music education
- IV. Special education
- V. Training for educational administrators,

### **Paragraph 3**

The Signatories will also continue to co-operate in the multinational context in three areas:

- I. Higher education, in particular policy issues in view of the major developments in Europe
- II. Secondary and higher vocational education and training, in particular in relation to the labour market
- III. Information and communication technology in education.

### **Paragraph 4**

The contribution from the Signatories to the co-operative programme developed under this Agreement, will be established per project by the Signatories, depending on the specifics of each project. Overall the Dutch Signatory will contribute about 90% of the total financial costs of the programme and the Hungarian Signatory about 10%.

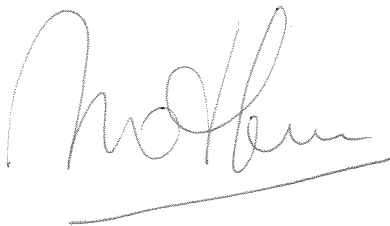
### **Paragraph 5**

This Memorandum of Understanding will come into effect upon signature. It will continue in operation until 31 December 2004.

Done in Budapest on 11 December 2003 in two original copies in the English language.

For the Ministry of Education, Culture and  
Science of the Netherlands,

For the Ministry of Education of the Republic  
of Hungary



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