

AGREEMENT

cooperation between the State Archive of the Ukrainian Institute of National Remembrance and the Commission for disclosing the documents and announcing affiliation of Bulgarian citizens to the State security and intelligence services of the Bulgarian National Army

Date of signing: 16.02.2021

Date of entry into force for Ukraine:

The State Archive of the Ukrainian Institute of National Remembrance and the Commission for disclosing the documents and announcing affiliation of Bulgarian citizens to the State security and intelligence services of the Bulgarian National Army, hereinafter referred to as the Parties, according to the legislation of Ukraine and Bulgaria

realizing the importance of studying archival information about the activities of the repressive structures,

aiming at a better understanding of contemporary history for levelling the consequences of totalitarianism of the XX century in the societies of each of the Parties and in relations between Ukrainian and Bulgarian peoples,

acting in the interests of the further development of professional, scientific and cultural connections in the field of archives,

recognizing that access to archival information is one of the generally accepted fundamental rights,

planning to publish archival documents connected with political repressions on the territory of both states,

basing on the mutual desire to establish a friendly dialogue and improving cooperation,

agreed as follows:

Article 1

The subject of this Agreement is cooperation in the fields of archival affairs, scientific researches and the publication of archival documents held by the Parties in accordance with their powers.

Article 2

The Parties develop cooperation on the basis of equality, reciprocity and in compliance with national legislation of the States Parties, as well as international agreements signed by the States Parties.

Article 3

The Parties agree that cooperation in the field of archives includes:

- 1) organization of working meetings;
- 2) exchange of experience in search, acceptance, formation, accounting, storage and ensuring the physical safety of archival documents contained in the possession of the Parties, and the use of information from these documents;
- 3) exchange of information about archival funds held by the Parties;
- 4) exchange of copies of documents contained in the archives of the Parties and relating the implementation of this Agreement, in the manner and on the basis defined by the legislation of the States Parties and considering the working capacity of each Party.

Article 4

1. Cooperation of the Parties in the field of scientific research and publication of archival documents includes the following:

- 1) exchange and internship of specialists in order to conduct common scientific research, study of archival documents, exchange of work experience;
 - 2) preparation and publication of results of common scientific projects and researches, publication of historical works, collections of archival documents and reference books on topics agreed by the Parties;
 - 3) organization of exhibitions on the basis of archival documents of the Parties;
 - 4) organization of scientific and professional seminars and conferences.
2. The Parties agree to provide the necessary support to researchers of Parties in carrying out their scientific work in archival institutions.
 3. The Parties undertake to agree on the terms, conditions and programs of such exchanges and internships no later than three months before they start.

Article 5

The Parties ensure the exchange of professional archival literature and other publications, issued by the Parties.

Either Party may request information of interest from the other Party.

Article 6

In accordance with the national legislation of the States, the Parties provide free access of archivists and researchers working under this Agreement to archival documents that are in free access, as well as to published and unpublished reference materials (catalogs, descriptions, guides, reference books and other information reference publications).

Article 7

Issues of financing specific forms of cooperation in the fields of archives, research and publication of archival documents are solved by discussing and the results are recorded in written form.

Article 8

If necessary, in the process of implementation or the emergence of disputes over realization of this Agreement, the Parties hold consultations.

The Parties have the right to reject or limit the implementation of this Agreement if it oppresses the interests of the State, security interests or contradicts the laws of the country. The Parties inform each other about it in written form.

By mutual consent of the Parties, this Agreement may be amended and complemented in written form that is drawn up in separate protocols, which are an integral part of this Agreement.

Article 9

This Agreement enters into force on the date of signing by Parties and remains in force five years. The validity of this Agreement is automatically extended for the next five years, if neither of the Parties informs the other Party in written form of its intention to terminate it no later than six months before the end of the next one period.

This Agreement is signed in Ukrainian and Bulgarian in 4 copies; all these texts have the same legal force.

**For the State Archive
of the Ukrainian Institute
of National Remembrance**

Director



Ihor Kulyk

**For the Commission for disclosing
the documents and announcing affiliation
of Bulgarian citizens to the State security
and intelligence services
of the Bulgarian National Army**

Chairman



Evtim Kostadinov