

MEMORANDUM
of understanding between
the State Archival Service of Ukraine
and the National Archives of Norway

The State Archival Service of Ukraine and the National Archives of Norway, hereinafter referred to as the “Parties,”

attaching special importance to the development of the friendly relations between the peoples of Ukraine and the Kingdom of Norway, based on mutual understanding;

expressing the mutual interest in the study, preservation and popularization of the historical heritage of the peoples of Ukraine and the Kingdom of Norway;

recognizing that access to archival information is a human *rights*;

taking into account the mutual desire to establish and develop bilateral cooperation between archival institutions of both states;

have agreed as follows:

Article 1

The Parties develop cooperation on the basis of national legislation of the states Parties, as well as international agreements to which Ukraine and the Kingdom of Norway are *parties*.

Article 2

The Parties shall cooperate in the following areas:

- exchange of experience in the field of archives and records management;
- identification of documents relating to the history of Ukraine and the Kingdom of Norway in the state archives of both Parties;
- provision by the Parties to each other of digital copies of documents for further use by the Parties in research, exhibition or publishing activities;
- organization and holding of joint events and exhibitions of archival documents;
- exchange of visits by archival experts from both *states*;
- other areas of cooperation *as* mutually agreed by both Parties.



Article 3

The Parties have agreed that *for* the purpose of *supplementing* to the national archival funds of both Parties, identification and digitalization of documents, which are kept in the State Archives of the Parties will be on the basis of the reciprocity.

The Parties will further agree on the further use of digital copies of documents or will conclude additional agreements.

Article 4

For the purpose of implementing *of* the provisions of this Memorandum of understanding the Parties may conclude separate agreements on specific *areas* of bilateral cooperation in accordance with the legislation of the States of the Parties.

The State Archival Service of Ukraine will facilitate direct contacts between the state archival institutions of Ukraine and the Kingdom of Norway.

Article 5

Any expense incurred in the implementation of this Memorandum of Understanding will be discussed by the Parties on a case by case basis.

Whenever deemed necessary and subject to mutual consent, the Parties may request support from third Parties to finance the activities and programs under this Memorandum of Understanding.

Article 6

To implement the intentions set forth in this Memorandum of understanding, the Parties hold bilateral *meetings*, negotiations and other joint events, including online.

Article 7

Any dispute arising from the interpretation or application of this Memorandum of understanding, as well as the issues of making amendments and additions to it, are resolved through consultations and negotiations between the Parties.

Article 8

This Memorandum of Understanding shall take effect upon and remain in force for a period of five years from the date of its signing.

It shall be automatically extended for another 5-year periods, unless either Party notifies the other in writing of its intention to terminate it at least 3 months prior to its expiry date.

This Memorandum of understanding shall expire after three months from the date such written notice is delivered by one of the Parties to the other's given and agreed email address.

The termination of this Memorandum of Understanding shall not affect the validity and duration of any activities or programs initiated under this Memorandum of Understanding until the completion of such activities or programs.

Done in _____ on _____ 2026 in two originals, each in the Ukrainian, Norwegian and English languages, all the texts being equally valid.

In the event of any conflict or disagreement over the interpretation of any of the articles of this Memorandum of understanding the English language text shall prevail.

**For the State Archival Service of
Ukraine**

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**For the National Archives of
Norway**

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