



SISTER CITY AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF PEEKSKILL, STATE OF NEW YORK, OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND THE CITY OF CUENCA, OF THE PROVINCE OF AZUAY, REPUBLIC OF ECUADOR

The City of Peekskill, State of New York, of the United States of America through its Mayor Andre Rainey and City Manager Andrew Stewart, and with the support of the Peekskill and Cuenca Sister Cities Corporation of which Luis Coronel is President, and the city of Cuenca, of the Province of Azuay, Republic of Ecuador, through its Mayor Pedro Palacios Ullauri.

CONSIDERING

- That, on the part of the authorities of the two cities, they recognize the meaning and need for global interaction, as well as the interest in deepening the ties of friendship and cooperation that unite both cities;
- That, cities intend to develop mutual cooperation activities due to the history they share in common, which goes back to the extensive community of Cuenca citizens that reside in the Peekskill metropolitan area; with special attention to the exchange and promotion of tourism and economy, recreation and sports, identity and culture;
- That, the cities intend to develop collaborative activities, in accordance with the laws of the City of Peekskill and Ecuador, with special attention to areas related to tourism and economy; recreation and sports; identity and culture;
- That the authorities of both cities have expressed their decision to deepen their collaborative relationships through an adequate legal framework;
- That, fraternity relations allow the establishment of mechanisms that contribute to the development and strengthening of the bilateral cooperation framework, as well as the need to execute projects and actions that have an effective impact on the economic and social advancement of the two cities;

THEREFORE, the parties agree as follows:



ARTICLE I Objective

The purpose of this agreement is to formalize the sister city agreement between the city of Peekskill, State of New York, of the United States of America and the city of Cuenca, Azuay Province, Republic of Ecuador to promote bilateral cooperation, and cultural and economic exchange, that contribute to the development of both cities.

ARTICLE II AREAS OF COOPERATION

In order to achieve the objective of this agreement, both cities undertake to develop cooperation actions specially directed, but not limited to the following areas: investment, tourism, economy, crafts and culture.

ARTICLE III COOPERATION MODALITIES

The two cities agree that the cooperation actions referred to in this Agreement will be carried out through the following modalities:

- a) **Promotion of cultural and crafts exchanges:** that offer outstanding people in these fields the opportunity to participate in fairs, exhibitions and conferences in which they can share their achievements and learn from the experiences of their colleagues in the sister city;
- b) **Investment promotion and common markets:** promote business and trade missions between the two cities, inform about investment and business opportunities, investment promotion, participation in exhibitions, fairs and business forums;
- c) **Technical assistance:** based on the transfer of knowledge and good practices, in order to serve as support to strengthen capacities between sister cities;
- d) **Understanding and mutual support:** based on the cultural resources of each city, tours, concerts, co-productions and other artistic programs.



ARTICLE IV

Administrators of the Agreement

The execution and supervision of this agreement will be in charge of the administrators of each institution, who will jointly be in charge of the organization, execution, supervision and monitoring of the detailed and planned activities for the achievement of the proposed objectives.

- **Municipality of Cuenca:**

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ARTICLE V

Information, material and protected equipment

The two cities agree that the information, material and protected equipment, classified by national legislation for security purposes or for the purpose of foreign relations of each party, will not be subject to transfer, in this agreement.



If when carrying out the activities derived from this agreement, it is identified that any information, material or equipment requires or may require protection, the two cities must inform the corresponding authorities and establish the corresponding measures in writing.

The transfer of information, material and equipment, which is not protected or classified, but whose export is regulated by one of the two cities, must be carried out in accordance with the applicable national legislation and must be identified along with its subsequent use or transfer. If any of the cities deems it necessary, measures must be taken to prevent the unauthorized transfer or re-transfer of said property.

ARTICLE VI

Intellectual Property

If as a result of the cooperation actions carried out in accordance with this agreement, products of commercial value and / or intellectual property rights are generated, these will be governed by the applicable national legislation on the matter, as well as by international conventions that are binding for both cities.

ARTICLE VII

Dispute settlement

The two cities declare that they appear and sign this agreement in good faith and that, in the event of any difference or divergence derived from the interpretation or application of this instrument, it must be resolved by both cities by mutual agreement.

ARTICLE VIII

Address for notifications

Notices and notifications will be made through official letters from the requesting entity delivered to the office of the other part:

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ARTICLE IX

Final provisions

This agreement will enter into force from the last date on which it is signed by either party and will continue in force unless either city decides to terminate it, through written communication, addressed to the other party, by giving (6) months' notice.

This agreement may be modified by mutual consent of the two cities, formalized through written communications, in which the date of its entry into force is specified.

The early termination of this agreement will not affect the conclusion of the cooperation activities that have been formalized during its validity.



Signed in the city of Santa Ana de los Ríos de Cuenca, of the Province of Azuay, Ecuador and the city of Peekskill, State of New York, of the United States of America.

Andre K. Rainey
Mayor, City of Peekskill

Date 3/19/21



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Ing. Ind. Pedro Renan Palacios Ullauri
Mayor, City of Cuenca

Date _____

Andrew Y. Stewart
City Manager, City of Peekskill

Date 3/19/21