

ARRANGEMENT
BETWEEN
THE GOVERNMENT OF FLANDERS
AND
THE GOVERNMENT OF AUSTRALIA
RELATED TO COOPERATION IN THE FIELD OF THE SHARED HISTORY OF
THE WORLD WARS OF THE TWENTIETH CENTURY

The Government of Flanders

and

The Government of Australia,

hereafter called "the Participants",

have reached the following understandings:

Paragraph 1

The Participants will seek to increase broad community understanding and recognition of the shared history of the World Wars in the twentieth century.

Paragraph 2

The Participants will seek to educate younger generations on the common history of the World Wars of the twentieth century by all available means, including the dissemination of information to schools.

Paragraph 3

The Participants will use their best endeavours to honour the war dead and facilitate the preservation, interpretation of and access to historic and commemorative sites.

Paragraph 4

The Participants will use their best endeavours to conserve, maintain and interpret shared heritage materials from the World Wars of the twentieth century.

Paragraph 5

The Participants will seek, by appropriate means, to promote tourism to commemorative and historical sites in each other's countries, as a means of preserving the memory of the shared service and sacrifice in the World Wars of the twentieth century.

Paragraph 6

The Flemish Participant appoints the Flemish Department of Foreign Affairs to be responsible for the implementation of the present Arrangement in Flanders.

The Australian Participant, the Department of Veterans' Affairs, will be responsible for the implementation of the present Arrangement in Australia.

Paragraph 7

The financing of the cooperation as set out by the present Arrangement will be made in the context of the available funds of each Participant.

Paragraph 8

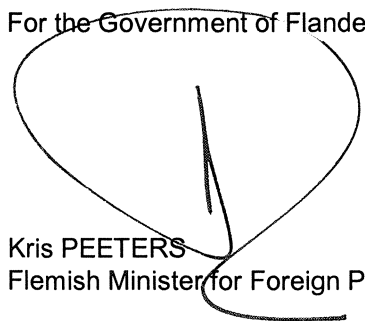
The Participants will settle any difference concerning the interpretation of application of the present Arrangement by mutual consultation.

Paragraph 9

Either Participant may terminate the Arrangement on giving three months written notice (transmitted through diplomatic channels) to the other Participant.

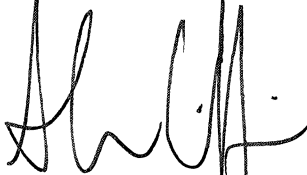
Signed in Brussels on the 22nd of April 2009 in duplicate original copies, each in English and Dutch, both texts having equal validity.

For the Government of Flanders

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Kris PEETERS
Flemish Minister for Foreign Policy

For the Government of Australia

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The Hon Alan GRIFFIN MP
Minister for Veterans' Affairs