

# **MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**

## **Between the Government of the Republic of Armenia and The Government of the United States of America On the Participation of Armenian Students in U.S. Government Educational Exchange Programs**

Recognizing the value of educational exchanges between their respective countries and given the need for participation of students of secondary schools and institutions of higher education in the U.S. Government funded educational exchange programs, the Government of the Republic of Armenia and the Government of the United States of America, hereafter to be referred to as "Parties" have reached the following understandings:

### **ARTICLE 1**

Pursuant to this Memorandum of Understanding and national legislation of their respective countries Parties agree to involve students of secondary schools and institutions of higher education of the Republic of Armenia, who are Armenian nationals citizens of the Republic of Armenia, in the U.S. Government funded educational exchange programs ("Exchange Programs") conducted in the United States. For the duration of the Exchange Programs, Participants should study at the U.S. educational institutions' corresponding grades/years which conform with the grades/years of their respective Armenian educational institutions, had they continued studies in Armenia.

### **ARTICLE 2**

Participants of Exchange Programs should remain in student status in the Republic of Armenia under Armenian law for the duration of the Exchange Program in the United States.

### **ARTICLE 3**

Upon return from the U.S., students of higher education institutions should continue their education, at their respective Armenian universities, at the grade/year they were transferred to upon completion of their education in the U.S

### **ARTICLE 4**

In order to move to the next grade/year or to graduate, participants/students from secondary schools should have the opportunity to take exams for that year's credit at their Armenian secondary school for those subjects envisaged by the school curriculum that were not studied at the U.S. school and, in addition, final year students should have the opportunity to take official graduation exams at their Armenian school upon their return.

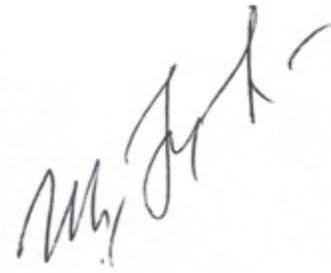
### **ARTICLE 5**

This Memorandum of Understanding becomes effective on the 30th day following the notifications sent by Parties through diplomatic channels on the completion of the procedures required for approval of this Memorandum of Understanding by their respective national legislation.

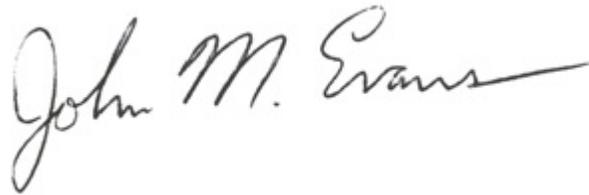
This Memorandum of Understanding expires in five years. This Memorandum of Understanding shall be automatically renewed for another 5-year term, should there be no notification received through diplomatic channels from either Party on its intention of termination at least 6 months prior to the expiry of this Memorandum of Understanding.

Signed at the city of Yerevan on this 3rd day of March 2006, in two originals, in the Armenian and English languages, with both texts being equally authentic.

**FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF  
THE  
REPUBLIC OF ARMENIA:**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Mr. J. K.', written on a light-colored rectangular background.

**FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF THE  
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA:**

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'John M. Evans', written on a light-colored rectangular background.