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*Sister City Agreement*

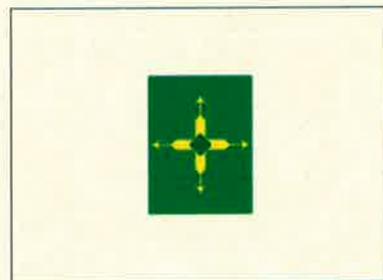
*Between the*

*Federal District of Brazil*

*and*

*Washington, D. C.,*

*United States of America*



# **THE SISTER CITY AGREEMENT ON EXCHANGES AND COOPERATION BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE FEDERAL DISTRICT OF BRAZIL AND WASHINGTON, DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**

In recognition of the many similarities and the importance of establishing a relationship between the Federal District of Brazil and the Capital of the United States of America, Washington, District of Columbia, Mr. Agnelo Queiroz, Governor of the Federal District of Brazil, and Mr. Vincent C. Gray, Mayor of Washington, D.C., do hereby affirm this relationship with the signing of this agreement and declare their intent for both cities to work together in the areas of economic development, urban and event planning, transportation, sustainability, and education and culture. To that end, projects will be developed and implemented in each of these areas.

Both parties have agreed to the following:

## **ARTICLE 1: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, TRADE, AND INVESTMENT**

- Both parties shall share information about trade and investment opportunities. Inquiries for additional information shall be referred to the appropriate authorities in both cities.
- Both parties shall connect businesses with potential partners and customers. This shall include, but not limited to the fields of Information Technology and Communications, Science, Finance, as well as Business and Technological Parks, and Foreign Direct Investment promotion.
- Both parties shall provide assistance with registration, licensing, and other requirements for establishing a local business.

## **ARTICLE 2: URBAN AND EVENT PLANNING, AND TRANSPORTATION**

- Both parties shall share information about best practices in the area of mass transportation, infrastructure planning and development, and alternative transportation initiatives.
- Both parties shall promote collaboration and exchange of ideas in the area of traffic congestion alleviation, safe roads and sustainable transportation and planning methods.

- Both parties shall share information about best practices in the area of large scale special events development and implementation.

### **ARTICLE 3: SUSTAINABILITY**

- Both parties shall share information about best practices in conserving energy and limiting pollution. Such information may include measures pertaining to transportation, construction techniques, water usage and management, waste management, renewable energy solutions and green space.
- Both parties shall promote collaboration and exchange of ideas in the area of environmental protection, urban green development and the green economy. This shall strengthen linkages and cooperation in the areas referred with the aim towards the concept of Smart Cities.

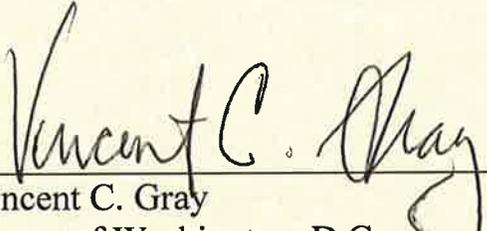
### **ARTICLE 4: EDUCATION, CULTURE AND TOURISM**

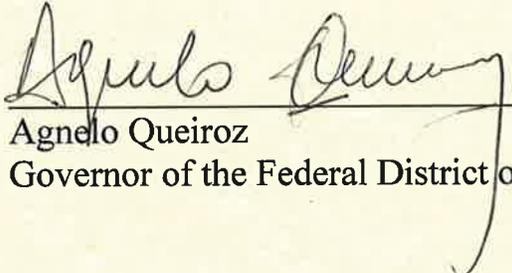
- Both parties shall promote the development of programs and share experiences in the areas of culture, education and the arts, and shall explore the creation of a vibrant creative economy.
- Both parties shall support partnerships between sister city universities and colleges. These partnerships may include study abroad opportunities for students and professors, academic research assistance, and student recruitment.
- Both parties shall explore opportunities for student and teacher exchanges between Federal District of Brazil school students/teachers and District of Columbia Public School system students/teachers at the high school level.
- Both parties will work with culture and arts organizations within their cities to foster exchanges in these areas.
- The parties will explore ways to encourage travel to each city and will discuss best practices.
- The parties will encourage, in the framework of appropriate programs, exchange of expertise and best practices regarding the protection of cultural heritage sites and historic monuments.

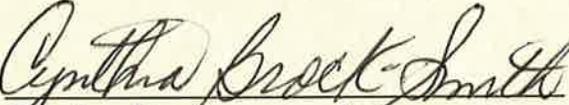
The Office of the Secretary of International Affairs of the Federal District of Brazil and the Office of the Secretary of the District of Columbia will serve as the liaison departments for their respective cities, and shall be responsible for coordinating the

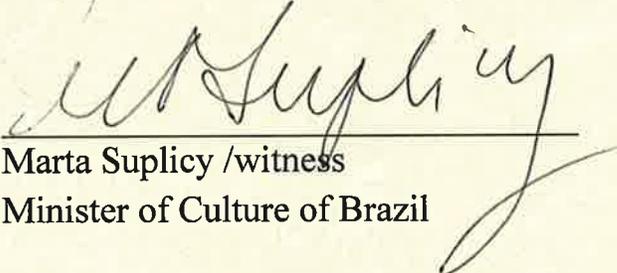
implementation of this agreement. The methods of cooperation for above-mentioned programs and related cost will be negotiated by both parties.

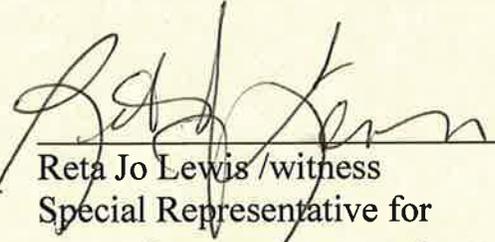
Signed in Washington, D.C. on March 15, 2013, this Agreement will be valid for five years and take effect on the date of its signature. This Agreement will be prepared in two original copies in both the English and Portuguese language.

  
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Vincent C. Gray  
Mayor of Washington, D.C.

  
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Agnelo Queiroz  
Governor of the Federal District of Brazil

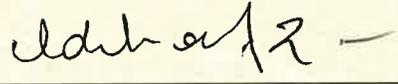
  
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Cynthia Brock-Smith /witness  
Secretary of Washington, D.C.

  
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Marta Suplicy /witness  
Minister of Culture of Brazil

  
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Reta Jo Lewis /witness  
Special Representative for  
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Mauro Vieira /witness  
Ambassador of Brazil

  
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Mary D. Kane /witness  
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Odilon Frazao /witness  
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