AGREEMENT  
between the European Union and the United Kingdom on the application of  
their short-stay visa waivers to activities in the cultural sector  

THE EUROPEAN UNION, hereinafter referred to as ‘the Union’ or ‘the EU’, and  
THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND, hereinafter  
referred to as ‘the UK’,  
hereinafter referred to jointly as the ‘Contracting Parties’,  

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HAVE AGREED AS FOLLOWS:  

Article 1  
Objective  

The purpose of this Agreement is to promote cultural exchange between the Parties and  
the development of their cultural sectors.  

Article 2  
Scope  

1. The Contracting Parties recall Article VSTV.1.1 of the Trade and Cooperation  
   Agreement and note that on the date of entry into force of this Agreement both Parties  
   provide for visa-free travel for short-term visits in respect of their nationals in  
   accordance with their domestic law.  

2. The Contracting Parties further note that, subject to Article VSTV.1.1, each of the  
   Contracting Parties are free to impose a visa requirement for short-term visits by  
   nationals of the other Party. The present Agreement is without prejudice to that  
   position.  

3. This Agreement is without prejudice to any arrangements made between the United  
   Kingdom and Ireland concerning the Common Travel Area.  

Article 3  
Definitions  

For the purpose of this Agreement:
(a) ‘Member State’ means any Member State of the Union, with the exception of Ireland;
(b) ‘citizen of the Union’ means a national of a Member State as defined in point (a);
(c) ‘British citizen’ means a British citizen as defined by the national law of the UK;
(d) ‘Schengen area’ shall mean the area without internal borders comprising the territories of the Member States as defined in point (a) applying the Schengen acquis in full;
(e) ‘cultural activity’ means the activity of artists (including actors and musicians and technical crew) [performing an activity on an ad-hoc basis], and includes paid activity.
(f) ['ad-hoc basis’ means … ]

Article 4
Visa requirements for persons travelling for the purpose of carrying out cultural activities

1. Where a Party permits visa-free travel for short-term visits in respect of nationals of the other Party, that Party shall permit visa-free travel, for such nationals carrying out a cultural activity, for at least the duration specified in Article 5.

2. Paragraph 1 shall apply without prejudice to the laws of the Contracting Parties relating to the conditions of entry and short stay. The Member States and the UK reserve the right to refuse entry into and short stay in their territories if one or more of these conditions is not met.

Article 5
Duration of stay for the purpose of cultural activity

1. As regards citizens of the Union travelling to the territory of the UK for the purpose of carrying on a cultural activity, the specified duration is 90 days in any 180-day period.

2. As regards British citizens travelling to the territory of the Member States fully applying the Schengen acquis for the purpose of carrying on a cultural activity the specified duration is 90 days in any 180-day period. That period shall be calculated independently of any stay in a Member State which does not yet apply the Schengen acquis in full.

As regards British citizens travelling to the territory of each of the Member States that does not yet apply the Schengen acquis in full, the specified duration is 90 days in any 180-day period. That period shall be calculated independently of the period of stay calculated for the territory of the Member States fully applying the Schengen acquis.
3. Nothing in this Agreement prevents the UK or the Member States from extending the period of stay beyond 90 days in accordance with their respective national laws and Union law.

Article 6

Territorial application

1. As regards the French Republic, the provisions of this Agreement shall apply only to the European territory of the French Republic.

2. As regards the Kingdom of the Netherlands, the provisions of this Agreement shall apply only to the European territory of the Kingdom of the Netherlands.

Article 7

Management of the Agreement

1. The Contracting Parties shall set up a Joint Committee of experts (hereinafter referred to as the ‘Committee’), composed of representatives of the Union and representatives of the UK. The Union shall be represented by the European Commission.

2. The Committee shall have the following tasks:
   (a) monitoring the implementation of this Agreement;
   (b) suggesting amendments or additions to this Agreement;
   (c) settling disputes arising from the interpretation or application of this Agreement;
   (d) any other task agreed upon by the Contracting Parties.

3. The Committee shall be convened whenever necessary at the request of one of the Contracting Parties.

4. The Committee shall establish its rules of procedure.

Article 8

Final provisions

1. This Agreement shall be ratified or approved by the Contracting Parties in accordance with their respective internal procedures and shall enter into force on the first day of the second month following the date of the later of the two notifications by which the Contracting Parties notify each other that those procedures have been completed.

   This Agreement shall be applied on a provisional basis as from the date of signature thereof

2. This Agreement is concluded for an indefinite period, unless terminated in accordance with paragraph 5.
3. This Agreement may be amended by written agreement of the Contracting Parties. Amendments shall enter into force after the Contracting Parties have notified each other of the completion of their internal procedures necessary for this purpose.

4. Each Contracting Party may suspend in whole or in part this Agreement, in particular, for reasons of public policy, the protection of national security or the protection of public health, illegal immigration or upon the decision of either Contracting Party to require visas for short-term visits by nationals of the other Party. The decision on suspension shall be notified to the other Contracting Party not later than two months before its planned entry into force. A Contracting Party that has suspended the application of this Agreement shall immediately inform the other Contracting Party should the reasons for that suspension cease to exist and shall lift that suspension.

5. Each Contracting Party may terminate this Agreement by giving written notice to the other Party. This Agreement shall cease to be in force 90 days thereafter.

6. The UK may suspend or terminate this Agreement only in respect of all the Member States.

7. The Union may suspend or terminate this Agreement only in respect of all of its Member States.