

FRIENDSHIP AGREEMENT

BETWEEN THE MUNICIPALITIES OF



ŠTĚCHOVICE
(CZECH REPUBLIC)

AND

KALMTHOUT
(BELGIUM)




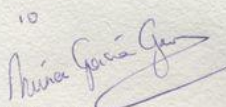
WE, THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF KALMTHOUT (BELGIUM) AND THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE LOCAL AUTHORITY OF ŠTĚCHOVICE (CZECH REPUBLIC), ARE UNANIMOUSLY IN FAVOUR OF SIGNING A GENERAL AGREEMENT ON FRIENDSHIP AND MUTUAL COOPERATION BETWEEN OUR TWO MUNICIPALITIES.

THIS ALLIANCE IS SEALED BY A FRIENDLY UNION BETWEEN ŠTĚCHOVICE AND KALMTHOUT, THE TOWNS WHERE WE HOLD THE OFFICE OF MAYOR.

WE SHALL DO ALL IN OUR POWER TO DEEPEN OUR RELATIONS IN THE FIELD OF CULTURE, SCIENCE, SPORTS, ECONOMICS, EDUCATION AND OTHER AREAS.

ŠTĚCHOVICE, 4 SEPTEMBER 2005


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MILOSLAVA VLKOVÁ
MAYOR OF ŠTĚCHOVICE

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LUKAS JACOBS
MAYOR OF KALMTHOUT

PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT

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KALMTHOUT
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AND

ŠTĚCHOVICE
(CZECH REPUBLIC)



AFTER LONG DECADES OF DIVISION IN EUROPE, THE BORDERS BETWEEN NATIONS ARE ONCE AGAIN OPEN TO ALL. OUR COUNTRIES HAVE DECIDED TO LIVE TOGETHER, TO COOPERATE IN FRIENDSHIP AND TO CREATE A COMMON FUTURE.

IN THIS SPIRIT, WE, THE MAYORS OF ŠTĚCHOVICE AND KALMTHOUT, ARE SIGNING THIS AGREEMENT, IN WHICH WE SOLEMNLY UNDERTAKE

• TO CREATE AND MAINTAIN LONG-TERM RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR MUNICIPALITIES AND MUTUAL SUPPORT IN ALL AREAS, TO ARRANGE EXCHANGE EVENTS BETWEEN OUR CITIZENS, TO FIND COMMON INTERESTS AND TO MUTUALLY ENRICH OUR CULTURAL AND SOCIAL TRADITIONS;

• TO EXTEND THE FRIENDLY, EQUABLE AND PEACEFUL RELATIONS THAT ALREADY EXIST BETWEEN US;


• TO IMPLEMENT ALL INITIATIVES WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF OUR PARTNERSHIP SO THAT OUR MUNICIPALITIES ARE NOT ONLY LINKED ADMINISTRATIVELY, BUT PRIMARILY AS MUNICIPALITIES OF ACTIVE POLITICAL, SOCIAL, ECONOMIC, CULTURAL, EDUCATIONAL AND SPORTING INTERESTS;


• TO SUPPORT OUR YOUTH FIRST AND FOREMOST, AND TO USE THE SCOPE OF OUR PARTNERSHIP FOR THEIR DEVELOPMENT;

• TO PARTICIPATE IN THE POLITICAL RAPPROCHEMENT THAT OUR GOVERNMENTS ARE WORKING ON, BUT WHICH MUST BE REALISED BY OUR CITIZENS.

THE HISTORIES OF OUR NATIONS SHARE A RICH COMMON PAST AND BEAR WITNESS TO OUR MEMBERSHIP OF A SINGLE EUROPE. LET THIS PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT BE A FOUNDATION STONE FOR THE WORK WE ARE JOINTLY BUILDING AND LET IT SUPPORT CENTURIES-OLD RELATIONS, WHICH WE SHALL SUPPORT IN THE FUTURE IN A FRIENDLY AND FREE MANNER.

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