

THE PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT

IN VIEW OF the single text comprising the laws on the organisation of local authorities enshrined in Decree Law 18 dated August 2000, no. 267;

IN VIEW OF the statute of the Florence Provincial Authority as approved by Provincial Council decision no. 104 dated 5.6.2000 and subsequent modifications;

IN VIEW OF the “Regulation governing the Florence Provincial Authority's activities in the field of institutional representation” as approved by Provincial Government decision no. 48 dated 23.02.2007;

WHEREAS the Fondazione “Romualdo Del Bianco”, founded in 1998 and active in the city since that date, is firmly committed to fostering relations of Friendship, Peace and Solidarity, using the sole tool of culture as an instrument for bringing people together, in the knowledge that this noble tool alone can foster opportunities for encounter and debate among peoples, but more especially among young people from different countries and continents;

WHEREFORE, IN CONSIDERATION OF THE FACT THAT Tuscany, and Florence in particular, offer the Fondazione “Romualdo Del Bianco” a major potential inasmuch as global cultural circles, but more especially young people, acknowledge the fact that Florence and its province are driving forces for the development of international encounters;

WHEREFORE, IN VIEW OF the fact that interpersonal acquaintance and knowledge foster and fuel mutual understanding and friendship among peoples, thus contributing to the establishment of a climate of peace and brotherhood;

WHEREAS the Fondazione “Romualdo Del Bianco” has set itself the goal of contributing in the first person to promoting the calling of Florence and its province as a venue for encounters and for peace through its commitment to the promotion and enhancement of the area's artistic and cultural heritage as a vehicle for furthering knowledge and understanding among peoples, and thus as a driving force behind the process of fostering peace among peoples;

HAVING ASCERTAINED THAT the said Fondazione's numerous activities include an initiative known as “Life Beyond Tourism” with its own specific web portal, which is not merely a tourist initiative but an initiative designed to foster dialogue among different cultures in an effort to spread sensitivity to the appreciation of cultural and human diversity;

IN VIEW OF the fact that the said web portal has been deliberately established by the Fondazione for the purpose of disseminating knowledge of Florence and of its province through those cultural organisations, institutions and businesses in the area which make a significant contribution to the interpretation and communication of so-called “spirit of place”;

WHEREFORE, IN CONSIDERATION OF THE FACT THAT the Fondazione “Romualdo Del Bianco” has proposed that the Florence Provincial Authority sign a “Memorandum of Understanding” in the context of the “Life Beyond Tourism” initiative, an initiative designed to promote intercultural dialogue through a form of tourism based on values and not merely on consumer-related services, precisely in order to foster the sharing of knowledge among different cultures and to transform tourism, including and especially “mass tourism”, from being a threat to the artistic heritage into a strategic opportunity

for intercultural dialogue, a key principle in improving the quality of life and a crucial viaticum for a world built on greater tolerance and thus containing fewer risks of conflict;

IN CONSIDERATION OF THE FACT THAT the Fondazione's activities, and more especially those that it conducts within the framework of the "Life Beyond Tourism" "Memorandum of Understanding", not only offer opportunities for socialization and for knowledge but also act as a valid stimulus for an increasingly quality-based cultural, social and touristic demand, not only in consumer-linked services but also and above all in terms of vital values, the foremost among these being intercultural dialogue;

IN CONSIDERATION OF THE FACT THAT the contents of the "Life Beyond Tourism" "Memorandum of Understanding" appear to fully conform and be in keeping with the strategic and institutional goals set out by the Florence Provincial Authority, particularly in connection with the spheres of youth, social, and tourism policy;

WHEREFORE, HAVING TAKEN COGNIZANCE OF THE consequent need to formalize cooperation with the Fondazione "Romualdo Del Bianco" in the context of the "Life Beyond Tourism" initiative through the approval of a "Memorandum of Understanding" regulating ties of cooperation between the two players;

IN VIEW OF the draft "Memorandum of Understanding" prepared by the Cabinet Office, which is part and parcel of this deed, and marked as "ATTACHMENT 'A'";

IN CONSIDERATION, MOREOVER, OF THE FACT THAT signing the document will not cause the Florence Provincial Authority to sustain any cost, as established in Article 4, paragraph 3 of the said "Memorandum of Understanding" either now or in relation to the future management of the initiative;

IN VIEW OF the opinion expressed by the Cabinet Office Director regarding technical regularity, in accordance with Article 49, paragraph 1 in the Single Text approved by Decree Law no. 267 dated 18/08/2000 and subsequent modifications and additions;

IN CONSIDERATION OF THE FACT THAT no opinion is required regarding accountancy regularity, in accordance with Article 49, paragraph 1 above-mentioned in Decree Law no. 267/2000, inasmuch as this Deed does not entail any expenditure commitment;

IN VIEW OF Articles 48, paragraph 2 in Decree Law no. 267/2000 and subsequent modifications and additions, and having ascertained its own competency in this field;

HAVING TAKEN COGNIZANCE OF THE need to declare this act immediately implementable, in accordance with Article 134, paragraph 4 above-mentioned in Decree Law no. 267/2000, in order to be able to make as rapid a start as possible on the activities listed in the above-mentioned "Memorandum of Understanding";

UNANIMOUSLY DELIBERATES

1. **that it will proceed**, for the reasons discussed extensively above, with the signing of a "Memorandum of Understanding" between this Provincial Authority and the Fondazione "Romualdo Del Bianco" of Florence in the context of the "Life Beyond Tourism" initiative;
2. **that it approves** the outline of the "Memorandum of Understanding" mentioned in point 1) above, prepared by the Cabinet Office as substantive part and parcel of the present Deed (ATTACHMENT 'A') ;

3. **that it charges** the President of the Florence Provincial Authority, or his delegate, to formally proceed with the signing of the above-mentioned “Memorandum of Understanding” between the Florence Provincial Authority and the Fondazione “Romualdo Del Bianco” in the context of the “Life Beyond Tourism” initiative;
4. **that it declares** that the present Deed entails no expenditure commitment either now or in connection with its future management;
5. **that it orders** the Chef de Cabinet of the Florence Provincial Authority to provide for the implementation of the present Deed in technical and administrative terms;

AND FURTHER DELIBERATES

that this measure, in accordance with the motivations discussed extensively above, shall be immediately implemented in keeping with Article 134, paragraph 4, of the Single Text on Local Authorities.