Work Regulations of the Joint Committee on Lithuanian - Slovak Co-operation in the Field of Science and Technology

The Joint Committee on Lithuanian - Slovak Co-operation in the Field of Science and Technology formed by the Ministry of Education and Science of the Republic of Lithuania and the Ministry of Education, Science, Research and Sport of the Slovak Republic (hereinafter - the Contracting Parties) pursuant to the provisions of Article 3 of the Agreement between the Government of the Republic of Lithuania and the Government of the Slovak Republic on Scientific and Technological Co-operation signed on 24 February 2011 in Vilnius (hereinafter - the Joint Committee) hereby approves the following Work Regulations of the Joint Committee:

- 1. The Joint Committee:
- 1.1. takes decisions on fields of co-operation;
- 1.2. proposes and approves programmes for bilateral co-operation in the field of science and technology;
- 1.3. approves the list of types of activity and projects eligible for financing;
- 1.4. sets directions for scientific research and experimental development;
- 1.5. sets the dates of competitions and the criteria for project selection and assessment; and
- 1.6. considers the results of science and technology programmes and projects implemented and other issues connected with co-operation in the field of science and technology.
- 2. Each Contracting Party appoints a chairman and a deputy chairman (or a secretary) of its team of the Joint Committee. During periods between meetings, information is exchanged via the chairmen or secretaries of the Joint Committee.

Decisions of the Joint Committee are taken by joint agreement. Decisions of the Joint Committee may be agreed on and taken using electronic means of communication or by exchanging the decisions of the teams of the Joint Committee of the Contracting Party via mail.

- 3. Meetings of the Joint Committee are organised on a rotational basis by each Contracting Party. The inviting Contracting Party pays the costs of organising Joint Committee meetings and other events provided for in the visit programme and costs of translation/interpretation services (if needed). The sending Contracting Party pays the costs of travel, insurance, and accommodation of its members of the Joint Committee in the country of the inviting Contracting Party.
- 4. The Joint Committee may invite experts to meetings, in which case each Contracting Party pays the costs of the work/travel of its experts.
- 5. Decisions of the meetings of the Joint Committee are documented by minutes. The minutes are prepared in Lithuanian, Slovak and English and all versions have the same legal power. The minutes are signed by the chairmen of the Joint Committee or by their deputies in the case the chairmen are not present. The decisions of the Joint Committee come into effect on the date the relevant minutes are signed, unless the minutes specify otherwise.
 - 6. Work Regulations of the Joint Committee may be changed by joint agreement.

Signed on 28 May 2012.

Chairman of the

Lithuanian Joint Committee

Chairman of the

Slovak Joint Committee