DECLARATION OF COOPERATION
between
The United States Commission for the Preservation of America's Heritage Abroad
and
The Ministry of Culture of the Republic of Latvia

The United States Commission for the preservation of America's heritage abroad and the Ministry of Culture of the Republic of Latvia,

Expressing their conviction that the cultural heritage of the American and Latvian Nations must be preserved, protected and transmitted to future generations,
Acknowledging that it is desirable to promote a mutual knowledge of their cultures and heritages,
Expressing the importance of honoring the memories of victims of repression, war and genocide,
Acknowledging that it is desirable to promote mutual cooperation to preserve cultural heritage,

Hereby declare that it is their intention to cooperate in efforts to achieve an agreement to protect and preserve appropriate sites of historical significance, places of worship, monuments, cemeteries, memorials and archives associated with the cultural heritage of each Nation.

Done at Riga this 29 day of oct 1998, in duplicate, in the English and Latvian languages, each text being equally authentic.

For the Commission:

For the Ministry of Culture: