



MUNICIPALITY OF BETHLEHEM  
*Palestine*



MUNICIPALITY OF COMACCHIO  
*Italy*

**FRIENDSHIP AGREEMENT**  
**between the City of Bethlehem and the City of Comacchio**

Bethlehem; the Birthplace of Jesus Christ, is the city from which the message of peace was bestowed to the whole world with the song of the angels *"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men"*. And,

Comacchio, is an ancient city that has always been a place of passage and trade with the east and has maintained its skills in intercultural dialogue.

The two cities have increasingly been inspired to enter into a friendship agreement to maintain friendly ties, carry out common initiatives and develop true mutual understanding as a necessary foundation for concrete cooperation initiatives.

Thanks to collaborative project already underway (Specialitaly), Bethlehem and Comacchio have had the opportunity to cooperate in promoting the development of the tourism sector and in professional training for people with disabilities.

In view of the above,

**the City of Bethlehem and the City of Comacchio**

hereby agree to enter into a

**Friendship Agreement**

with the following intents:

- develop institutional relationships to promote in-depth mutual acquaintance and strengthen cultural, linguistic, economic, industrial, environmental, and educational exchanges as opportunities for members of the two communities;
- cooperate by sharing the assets of the territories; bring different cultures together; enable greater social, cultural, and environmental development in terms of an active, multicultural community;
- create opportunities for cultural initiatives for getting to know each other;
- encourage international cooperation action, both institutionally and on a civil society level;



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- facilitate in particular the exchange of young people who can visit each other's cities to improve their acquaintance and share a mutual sense of common ideals;
- support all economic and business initiatives that might be developed between the two cities.

Signed in Bethlehem, Palestine on Thursday, the 5<sup>th</sup> of December, 2019.

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*On behalf of*  
**MUNICIPALITY OF BETHLEHEM**  
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MAYOR  
Adv. Anton Salman

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