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Excellences, Chairman and members of the Governing Board, Executive Secretary, distinguished Member States and Honored Ministries representatives of the Enlarged Partial Agreement on Cultural Routes, Council of Europe.

I am honored to represent the Lebanese Ministry of Tourism into The Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe to celebrate Lebanon accession in its position as the 35th Member State of the EPA- Council of Europe. Currently, Lebanon is represented by 4 distinct Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe: [\(1\) The Phoenicians' Route](#) [\(2\) The Routes of El legado Andalusí' by the Umayyad Route](#), [\(3\) The Routes of the Olive Tree](#), and [\(4\) Iter Vitis Route \[Wine Route\]](#).

We are grateful for the support of the EPA member States towards accomplishing the mission for Lebanon being the first Mediterranean / Middle Eastern country to join the Enlarged Partial Agreement on Cultural Routes, given the relevance of Lebanon's cultural magnitudes into the Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe program.

Pursuant to Lebanon Accession to the EPA, the Lebanese American University will cooperate with the University Network for Cultural Routes Studies, with the aim of encouraging research and mutual exchange on Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe.

Our institutional and academic affiliation with the University Network for Cultural Routes Studies will create a robust platform that encourages research and mutually beneficial cultural exchange fostering the permanent interaction between members of the network and the Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe representatives. Furthermore, it will sustain Lebanon's intercultural dialogue and connectivity with the Confederation of the Euro-Mediterranean Cities to promote Lebanon's Cultural Tourism industry towards boosting its Economy.