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MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

BETWEEN

THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE PORTUGUESE
REPUBLIC

AND

THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND EUROPEAN
INTEGRATION OF THE REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA

ON

DIPLOMATIC TRAINING, RESEARCH AND THE EXCHANGE OF
INFORMATION AND DOCUMENTATION

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Portuguese Republic and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and European Integration of the Republic of Moldova, hereinafter referred to as "Signatories",

Considering:

1. The mutual interest in establishing and developing cooperation with the view of strengthening the relations between the diplomatic services of both States;

2. The necessity of fostering innovation methods in the fields of diplomatic staff training and foreign policy research, in order to keep pace with the growing complexity of international relations;

3. The objectives of creating bonds between the Signatories, through the exchange of information and documentation relevant to their *curricula* and the organization of meetings and seminars on matters of common interest,

Have reached the following understanding:

1 Object

- 1.1. This Memorandum of Understanding is intended to establish the terms and conditions under which the Signatories intend to develop cooperation projects within their fields of competence.

- 1.2. The dispositions of this Memorandum of Understanding will be implemented and promoted by the Diplomatic Institute of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Portuguese Republic and the Diplomatic Institute of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and European Integration of the Republic of Moldova.

- 1.3. This Memorandum of Understanding shall be implemented on a purely voluntary basis, and carries no international legal obligations.

2 Training

- 2.1 The Signatories may organize an exchange of lecturers, research fellows and students in seminars or similar events on topics of common interest and especially relevant to their areas of training. This cooperation may also extend to the joint organization of conferences, roundtable discussions and other events.
- 2.2 As regards point 2.1, the Signatory that hosts the lecturers or students and organizes in its territory the seminars or similar events will be responsible for the organization costs, whilst the other Signatory will be responsible for expenses related to the accommodation and to the international transportation costs of the aforementioned participants, in accordance to its own national rules.
- 2.3 If previously agreed by the two Signatories in advance, any future cooperation may involve external third parties, if deemed necessary by both sides.

3 Exchange of Information and Documentation

- 3.1 The Signatories may proceed to a regular exchange of information pertaining to their activities and fields of research, especially in to what concerns their training *curricula*, the organization of seminars, symposia and other similar activities.
- 3.2 The Signatories may proceed to a regular and reciprocal exchange of publications, monographs as well as research papers, and the establishment of partnerships among their respective libraries and archives.
- 3.3 The Signatories may promote the publication of articles of authors from both countries on topics related to international politics, on publications edited by the Signatories.

4 Entry into Effect


- 4.1 The Memorandum of Understanding will come into effect on the day of its signature and for a period of three years, after which it will be automatically renewed for subsequent periods of three years.
- 4.2 The present Memorandum of Understanding will cease to produce effects when one of the Signatories notifies the other in writing of its intention to cease this Memorandum of Understanding, no later than ninety days prior to the expiry of its validity.

5 Cost and Expenses

5.1 This Memorandum of Understanding does not incur any financial obligations on either Signatory unless agreed otherwise.

Signed in Lisbon, on the 11th September 2023 in two originals, in English language, both texts being equally authentic.

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