MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING



between the Diplomatic Institute of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Portuguese Republic and

the Institute for Diplomatic Studies of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Arab Republic of Egypt



The Diplomatic Institute of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Portuguese Republic and the Institute for Diplomatic Studies of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Arab Republic of Egypt herein referred to as the "Parties";

Desiring to strengthen the existing friendly relations through closer cooperation in the field of education and training:

Considering the need to develop and foster education and training cooperation, as well as the cooperation between the education and training institutions of the Parties;

Have reached the following understanding:

- 1. The Memorandum of Understanding is intended to create conditions for maintaining regular contacts and curricula cooperation between the two diplomatic institutions. Such cooperation shall not be guided by commercial consideration.
- 2. The Memorandum of Understanding shall provide a framework for cooperation in the field of education and training and promote human resources development for diplomats of both countries.
- 3. The Parties agree that a priority task of such cooperation is to elaborate and introduce modern methods in training experts in the field of international relations.
- 4. The Parties will engage in short-term exchange of information of the curricula of their respective diplomatic courses, seminars and workshops, or other similar programmes, or questions of mutual interest. They will also exchange publications and other printed materials published by the parties or other institutions in their respective countries in the field of diplomacy, foreign policy, international relations, international law, international economic affairs, political science and other subjects of the curricula. The Parties will encourage promotion of joint scientific cooperation in areas of common interest.
- 5. Where funding resources are available on a-case-by-case basis, the Parties would like to jointly hold academic symposia on topics of mutual interest as agreed upon. The Parties may organise participation of their experts in conferences, symposia and panel discussions, by informing each other of these activities in due time.
- 6. The Parties agree to stay in close touch for further consultation and discussion on issues that may arise in the exchange and cooperation.
- 7. The Parties may draw up procedures, plans and recommend programmes of cooperation to achieve the objectives set in this Memorandum of Understanding.
- 8. This Memorandum of Understanding may be complemented by the Parties upon mutual agreement.

9. This Memorandum of Understanding will come into effect on the date of its signature and it will remain into effect for a period of three years, after which it will be automatically renewed for subsequent periods of three years, unless one of the Parties notifies the other of its intention to terminate this Memorandum of Understanding, at least 3 months prior to the termination date.

Done in duplicate in Cairo on the 12th day of July of the year 2007.

For the Diplomatic Institute of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Portuguese Republic

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