

# MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

BETWEEN

THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE PORTUGUESE  
REPUBLIC

AND

THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE REPUBLIC OF  
COLOMBIA

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 of the Republic of Colombia, hereinafter referred to as "Participants",

Considering:

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

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;

The objectives of creating bonds between the Participants, 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:

#### Clause 1

##### Object

1. This Memorandum of Understanding is intended to establish the terms and conditions under which the Participants intend to develop cooperation projects within their fields of competence.
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 Academy Augusto Ramírez Ocampo of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Colombia.
3. This Memorandum of Understanding shall be implemented on a purely voluntary basis and is not understood as an international agreement from which international law obligations may derive, nor will it affect, in any form whatsoever, the obligations arising from any bilateral and multilateral international agreements in force between the Portuguese Republic and the Republic of Colombia.

#### Clause 2

##### Training



1. The Participants 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. As regards point 2.1, the Participant that hosts the lecturers or students and organizes in its territory the seminars or similar events will make its best efforts to be responsible for the organization costs, whilst the other Participant will make its best efforts to be responsible for expenses related to the accommodation and to the international transportation costs of the aforementioned participants, in accordance with its own national rules and budget availability.
3. If previously agreed by the two Participants in advance, any future cooperation may involve external third parties, if deemed necessary by both sides.

### **Clause 3**

#### **Exchange of Information and Documentation**

1. The Participants may proceed to a regular exchange of information pertaining to their activities and fields of research, especially into what concerns their training *curricula*, the organization of seminars, symposia, and other similar activities.
2. The Participants 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. The Participants may promote the publication of articles of authors from both countries on topics related to international politics, on publications edited by the Participants.

### **Clause 4**

#### **Interpretation**

1. Any divergence regarding the interpretation and/or execution of this Memorandum of Understanding will be settled through direct consultations between the Participants.

### **Clause 5**

#### **Modifications**

1. The Memorandum of Understanding may be modified by the Participants at any time

by mutual written consent. Any such modification will be effective as of the date consensually determined by the Participants and become an integral part hereof.

## Clause 6

### Onset of effects

1. The Memorandum of Understanding will take 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.
2. This Memorandum of Understanding may be suspended by either Participant by giving notice to the other of its intention to suspend it, ninety (90) days ahead of the date of suspension.
3. The present Memorandum of Understanding will cease to produce effects when one of the Participants 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.
4. This Memorandum of Understanding does not incur any financial obligations on either Participant unless agreed otherwise.

Signed in Lisbon, on the 7<sup>th</sup> of November 2022 in two originals, in English language.

For the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of  
the Portuguese Republic



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