

**PROTOCOL ON COOPERATION  
BETWEEN  
THE ST. PETERSBURG STATE UNIVERSITY  
AND  
THE PORTUGUESE DIPLOMATIC INSTITUTE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN  
AFFAIRS OF THE PORTUGUESE REPUBLIC**

The St. Petersburg State University and the Portuguese Diplomatic Institute - Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Portuguese Republic, hereinafter referred to as "Signatories",

Considering:

1. The mutual interest in establishing and developing cooperation with a view to strengthening relations between the diplomatic services of the Russian Federation and the Portuguese Republic;
2. The necessity of fostering innovative methods in the field of diplomatic staff training, with a view to keep pace with the growing complexity of international relations;
3. The objective of creating bonds between the Signatories, through the exchange of information relevant to their curricula, the organization of meetings and seminars on matters of common interest, and the exchange of documentation;

The Signatories have reached the following understanding:

**1. Object**

This Protocol is intended to establish the terms and conditions under which the signatories intend to develop cooperation projects within their fields of competence.

**2. Training**

- 2.1 The Signatories may organize exchange of lecturers and students with a view to upgrade their professional qualifications and to participate in seminars or similar events held on topics of common interest and that are especially relevant to their areas of training.
- 2.2 As regards point 2.1, the Signatory that hosts the lecturers or students, and that organizes on its territory the seminars or similar events will be responsible for expenses related to the accommodation of the above mentioned participants, whilst the other Signatory will be responsible for expenses related to the international transportation, on the terms of its own national rules.

**3. Exchange of Information and Documentation**

- 3.1 The Signatories may proceed to a regular exchange of information on their activities, especially as 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 documentation, through the exchange of publications and the establishment of partnerships among their respective libraries and archives.

3.3 The Signatories may promote the publication of articles of authors from each of their respective countries on topics related to international politics in publications edited by the Signatories.

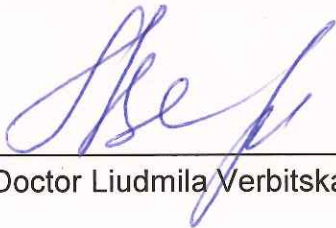
#### **.4 Effects**

4.1 The Protocol will come into effect on the day of its signature and will remain in effect for a period of three years, after which it will be automatically renewed for subsequent periods of three years.

4.2 The present Protocol will cease to produce effects when one of the Signatories notifies the other in writing of its wish to terminate this Protocol, no later than ninety days prior to the expiry of its validity.

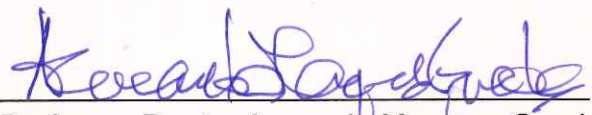
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