

## **Memorandum of Understanding**

**Between**

**BEIJING INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY**

**And**

**SAPIENZA UNIVERSITY OF ROME**

**DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCES**

### **On Global University Alliance for Outer Space Policy and Law Education (GUAOSPLE)**

#### **WHEREAS:**

- (A) The parties (individually referred to in this Memorandum as “a Party” and collectively as “the Parties”) intend to participate in this Alliance with the aim of convening, integrating, and sharing high-quality global educational resources in the field of space law and policy globally. The Alliance will serve as an international sharing platform for their faculty members and students training, exchange, research development and collaboration, cooperation programs and courses etcetera in space law and policy, international law, international politics and related domains.
- (B) The Parties desire by means of this Memorandum to establish their respective rights and obligations in relation to their collaboration. While the Parties endeavor to collaborate in good faith, any and all rights and obligations established through this Memorandum are not intended to be legally binding.
- (C) The Parties consist of four categories, including Initiative Party (BIT), Co-founders (BIT and representative universities from each continent), Members, Partners.
- (D) The Alliance establishes an Advisory Council (AC) and a Global Expert Group (GEG). Members of the AC will be invited from relevant intergovernmental organizations, space agencies, ministries of foreign affairs, or other relevant governmental bodies. Well-recognized experts in the fields of space law and policy or related disciplines whose affiliations do not yet become Parties of the Alliance will be invited to serve as members of the GEG.
- (E) Each of the Parties has no financial obligations for the establishment and operation of the Alliance, any financial decisions are based on other specific multilateral or bilateral agreements to be subsequently agreed among the parties.
- (F) Any of the Parties are eligible to take any other kind of cooperation and collaboration within each other and for the Alliance’s project, taking full use of the resources under the Alliance umbrella.
- (G) The Initiative Party serves as the general secretariat of this Alliance and is responsible for

- a) inviting other parties to join this Alliance, including Co-founders, Members and Partners.
  - b) providing the draft Constitution of the Alliance to be discussed by all the Co-Founders.
  - c) proposing collaborative programs and projects among parties.
  - d) take decisions on the nominations from co-founders and other parties regarding the new Partnerships.
- (H) The Co-founders serve as the regional secretariat of this Alliance have rights and duties to
- a) convene and nominate other potential members and partners in their region and beyond.
  - b) based on consensus among all co-founders, endorse the Constitution of the Alliance and the items regarding significant collaborative programs and projects among all parties.
  - c) support the Initiative Party to propose and organize collaborative programs and projects among parties.
- (I) The Members have rights and duties to
- a) nominate other potential members and partners through the relevant regional secretariat.
  - b) participate the Alliance programs via assigning faculty members and/or sending students to join the online classes or any other training programs or Alliance events.
  - c) Provide recommendations or proposals for either existing or potential Alliance programs.
- (J) The Partners have rights and duties to
- a) nominate other potential partners through the relevant regional secretariat.
  - b) participate in the Alliance programs via their designated experts, for instance, giving lectures to the Alliance students and contributing to training programs or Alliance events.

**NOW IT IS HEREBY AGREED:**

1. Faculty Members and Students Training, Exchange

The Parties will establish long-term and short-term training programs, exchange programs for the faculty members and students of the Parties from the other country in respective discussed fields.

2. Research Development and Collaboration

The Parties will establish joint collaborations for research and development in law and policy, including but not limited through law schools, international relations schools and relevant research centers, institutes and platforms in respective discussed fields.

3. Cooperation Programs and Courses for Students

The Parties will establish cooperation programs and courses offerings for the students of the Parties in respective discussed fields.

4. A biennial Alliance Conference will be co-sponsored and operated by Beijing Institute of Technology and any other Co-founders or any Members, Observers on a mutual accepted basis.

5. Membership or Partnership in the Alliance can be terminated by submitting a written notice to the general secretariat six month prior to the cancellation. New Parties can join the Alliance by acceding to the present Memorandum at the invitation of the Initiative Party.
6. This University Alliance Memorandum is a framework agreement. Specific programs agreements will be signed based on agreement made between or among the Parties.
7. Matters pertaining to the implementation of the exchange based on this Memorandum shall be negotiated and approved in writing by the relevant parties before a particular programme or activity is undertaken.
8. This Alliance Memorandum is expected to continue for six (6) years and the Parties' participation in the Alliance may be renewed for a subsequent six-year term. If the present Memorandum is terminated, all parties must guarantee the completion of the projects and initiatives already in progress.
9. All provisions of the Memorandum are subject to the terms set forth in Articles 6 and 7.
10. This Memorandum may be amended by mutual written agreement of all Parties to this Memorandum. Any proposed amendment shall be communicated to all Parties with a notice period of no less than sixty (60) days prior to the intended date of amendment, unless otherwise agreed in writing by the Parties. Amendments shall take effect only upon the written consent of all Parties and shall be appended as an addendum to this Memorandum.

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