AGREEMENT

BETWEEN

THE UNITED NATIONS EDUCATIONAL, SCIENTIFIC AND CULTURAL ORGANIZATION

AND

UNITWIN NETWORK "HUMAN RIGHTS AND GOVERNANCE: THE RIGHTS, INDIVIDUALS AND COMMUNITIES FACED WITH THE NEW CHALLENGES OF A GLOBALIZED WORLD IN CRISIS"

CONCERNING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A UNITWIN COOPERATION PROGRAMME

Agreement

between the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization and the Network "Human Rights and Governance: the rights, individuals and communities faced with the new challenges of a globalized world in crisis" concerning the establishment of a UNITWIN Cooperation Programme

The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (hereinafter referred to as "UNESCO"), 7 Place de Fontenoy, 75352 Paris, France, represented by its Director-General, Ms Audrey Azoulay;

and,

The Network **Human Rights and Governance: the rights, individuals and communities faced with the new challenges of a globalized world in crisis** (hereinafter referred to as "the Network"), composed of:

- Universidad Externado de Colombia, (Calle 12 No. 1-17 Este. Bogotá, Colombia, represented by its Rector, Professor Hernando Parra Nieto;

- Universidade do Vale do Rio dos Sinos (Av. Unisinos, 950 - Caixa Postal 275 - CEP 93022-000. São Leopoldo, Rio Grande do Sul, Brasil), represented by its Rector, Prof. P. Marcelo Fernandes de Aquino;

- Universidade Federal da Paraíba (Caixa Postal 5061 – Cidade Universitária. 58051-970 – João Pessoa – PB, Brasil), represented by its Rector, Professor Valdiney Veloso Gouveia;

- Pontifícia Universidade Católica do Rio de Janeiro (Rua Marquês de São Vicente, 225-Gávea – 22451 – 900. Rio de Janeiro, RJ, Brasil), represented by its Rector, P.e.Josafá Carlos de Siqueira, S.J.;

- Università di Camerino (Via A. D'Accorso, 16 – 62032. Camerino, Macerata, Italia). Contact: Professor Maria Cristina De Cicco, represented by its Rector, Professor Claudio Pettinari;

- Universidad Carlos III de Madrid (Calle Madrid, 126 – 28903. Getafe, Madrid, España), represented by its Rector, Professor Juan Romo;

- Université Paris Nanterre (200 avenue de la République – 92001. Nanterre Cedex, Francia), represented by its President, Professor Philppe Gervais-Lambony.

Considering that one of the essential factors favouring development in UNESCO's fields of competence is the exchange of experience and knowledge between universities and other higher education institutions;

Convinced that joint work by university teachers, researchers and administrators from different regions all over the world will provide important benefits for the entire academic community;

Bearing in mind UNESCO's mission and objectives as set forth in its Constitution, and its role in promoting international inter-university cooperation;

Taking into account the experience of the UNESCO Chairs Programme as a stimulus for academic mobility and the rapid transfer of knowledge through twinning, networking and other linking arrangements;

Have agreed as follows:

Article I **Purpose**

UNESCO and the Network will create a Cooperation Programme on Human Rights and Governance: the rights, individuals and communities faced with the new challenges of a globalized world in crisis" (hereinafter referred to as "the Cooperation Programme") in the framework of UNESCO's UNITWIN Programme.

Article II **Main objectives**

The main objectives of this Cooperation Programme are to:

- promote an integrated system of research, training, information and documentation activities in the field of in the field of human rights, violence and conflict;

- develop academic research and activities that will increase awareness of human rights issues, gender equality, inclusive policies for sustainable development, and human rights violations;

- generate high-quality publications in the field of human rights, violence and conflict in cooperation with the University's network and other partners;

- transfer knowledge through a system of research, academic events, and publications on the comparative study of violence and human rights;

- strengthen institutional capacity-building focusing on social actors working in the field of prevention of violence, conflict and human rights;

- cooperate closely with UNESCO, inter alia, by engaging in joint research on issues of common interest leading to joint publications; by ensuring that its academic outputs (i.e. academic meetings and events, trainings and teaching programmes, etc.) feed into and advance UNESCO's related programmatic priorities; and by working with other UNESCO Chairs and academic institutions in the LAC and European regions on relevant programmes and activities; and,

- facilitate collaboration between high-level, internationally-recognized researchers and teaching staff of the institutions that are members of the Network, as well as institutions outside the Network in other regions of the world.

Article III **Implementation of the Cooperation Programme**

1 The implementation of the Cooperation Programme will comprise two phases:

- phase one: establishment of direct contact between the Network and the relevant UNESCO unit(s)/programme(s) to determine the work plan for cooperation over the next four years;

- phase two: identification, in close collaboration with the members of the Network and with UNESCO, of ways to extend the Programme to include other participants and/or institutions. All admission of new participants and/or institutions into the Cooperation Programme must be approved in writing by each of the Parties concerned.

Article IV **Contribution of each Party**

1 The Network, in consultation with UNESCO, shall appoint the Coordinator, who will be selected in accordance with the procedures described in UNESCO's "Guidelines and procedures for the UNITWIN/UNESCO Chairs Programme".

2 Each Party within the Network shall appoint its own Coordinator for the Cooperation Programme and duly notify the others.

3 Subject to the terms of this Agreement, the Network shall assume all expenses linked to the implementation of the Cooperation Programme's activities.

4 Each Network member shall contribute the facilities, as well as the human and financial resources necessary to conduct the academic research and training activities in its fields and to make their results accessible online.

5 The Network shall submit to UNESCO a mid-term progress report and a final report on the activities carried out by the Network, as well as on the financial resources of the Network. The reports should comply with the UNESCO template. They will be reviewed by UNESCO and will be published on the UNITWIN portal.

6 The Network shall arrange for its members to participate in UNESCO programmes and activities with a view to strengthening international academic cooperation in the field of violence, conflict and human rights and related disciplines. Whenever possible, the Network shall arrange for its members to engage in an exchange of professors, researchers and students with other universities and within the framework of the UNITWIN Programme.

Article V **Use of UNESCO's Name and Logo**

In order to demonstrate its link with UNESCO, the Network is invited to use the composed UNESCO/UNITWIN logo that includes the UNESCO official logo and the UNITWIN logo to the right of the former, under the following conditions:

- the conditions for the use of the logo will be determined by UNESCO and cannot be modified without the prior agreement of UNESCO; UNESCO shall provide the Network with a high definition electronic format of the composed logo, in compliance with the agreed specifications;

- the logo must be used cautiously, with a view to avoiding misinterpretation by the general public, notably concerning the respective status of the Network, the member universities and UNESCO, as specified under the provisions of Article VI.1 of the Agreement; the composed UNESCO/UNITWIN logo shall not, under any circumstances, be used for any commercial purposes, either by the Network or by the member universities;

- all promotional and information materials published by the Network or the member universities, bearing the composed UNESCO/UNITWIN logo (example: pamphlets and other electronic documents), should bear the disclaimer: *The authors are responsible for the choice and presentation of views contained in this ...and for opinions expressed therein, which are not necessarily those of UNESCO and do not commit the Organization;* and,

- the Network and/or the member universities will assume full responsibility for any legal consequences stemming from this use.

Article VI **Other Provisions**

1 Neither the Network nor any member of its staff employed for the implementation of the Cooperation Programme's activities shall be considered an agent, representative or member of UNESCO's staff, nor shall they enjoy any benefit, immunity, remuneration or reimbursement if not clearly foreseen in this Agreement; moreover, they shall not be authorized to present themselves as being part of UNESCO, nor make statements on UNESCO's behalf, nor commit UNESCO to any expense of any nature or to any other obligation.

2 The Network shall be entirely responsible for taking any measures it deems necessary to insure itself against loss, injury or damage incurred during the implementation of these activities.

3 The present Agreement shall enter into force for a period of four (4) years on the date of all signatures having been appended. It may be cancelled by either Party subject to sixty (60) days' written notice to the other Party.

4 The Network shall request the renewal of the present Agreement before its expiry date. Any renewal of the present Agreement shall be effected by an exchange of letters between the Parties, on condition that the Network meets its specific objectives as laid out in Article II, and provides detailed information on activities and budget secured for the period of renewal.

5 UNESCO may decide not to renew the present Agreement, or to terminate the Cooperation Programme if the Network fails to submit timely progress reports on its activities; the reports are negatively evaluated; or, the Network's activities do not correspond to UNESCO's strategic priorities.

6 In the event of a dispute, the Parties shall make a good faith effort to settle it amicably. If an amicable settlement cannot be reached, any dispute arising out of, or relating to, this Agreement shall be settled by a sole arbitrator appointed by mutual agreement or, failing this, by the President of the International Court of Justice at the request of either Party.

In witness whereof the undersigned, duly authorized to that effect, have signed **eight (8)** copies of the present Agreement in the English language.

For the United Nations Educational,
Scientific and Cultural Organization

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