

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE MINISTRY OF PUBLIC  
EDUCATION OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED MEXICAN STATES  
AND THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING OF  
AUSTRALIA ON COOPERATION IN THE FIELD OF EDUCATION AND  
TRAINING**

The Ministry of Public Education of the United Mexican States and the Ministry of Education, Science and Training of Australia, hereinafter referred to as "the Parties";

**GUIDED** by the desire to enhance the friendly relations between both countries in the field of education and training;

**APPRECIATING** the importance of education as a factor of economic development, as well as a means for strengthening the ties between their peoples;

Record the following understandings:

**1**

The purpose of this Memorandum of Understanding is to establish the framework based on which the Parties, jointly, will implement programmes of cooperation in education and training under the principles of reciprocity and mutual benefit.

**2**

In order to achieve the objective referred to in Article 1, the Parties will encourage and facilitate between one and other and among other educational institutions from their respective countries, the development of contacts and cooperation activities, as well as the conclusion of specific cooperation agreements that will include, among others, the following arrangements:

- a. facilitate the exchange of academic staff and students between recognised schools and institutions of vocational and higher education;
- b. encourage mutual assistance and exchange of information in areas of interest in schools and in institutions of vocational and higher education;
- c. encourage exchange of information on existing education cooperation at all levels;
- d. facilitate the organisation of relevant specialised exhibitions and seminars;



- e. support the development of assisted training, joint research, technology transfer, and strategic alliances between appropriate authorities and institutions;
- f. promote the development of joint activities leading to the exploitation of information technology, especially the internet, in the field of education; and
- g. other forms of education and training cooperation as may be mutually determined.

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The costs involved in the cooperative activities arising from this Memorandum of Understanding will be funded as mutually determined, subject to the availability of funds and pursuant to what is provided by each Party's national legislation.

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The Parties will write reports on development and achievements based on this Memorandum of Understanding and will provide said reports to their respective Foreign Ministries, as well as to the bilateral agencies as mutually determined.

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Arrangements for the placement of employees of a Party to undertake the cooperative activities outlined in this Memorandum of Understanding, will be mutually determined by the Parties on a case by case basis. These arrangements will include terms, conditions and safeguards as considered necessary by both Parties. Employees placed in the other Party will remain in an employment relationship with the sending Party.

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Any dispute arising from the interpretation or implementation of the clauses in this Memorandum of Understanding or the specific agreements resulting from the same, will be solved by the Parties through consultations.

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This Memorandum of Understanding will come into effect from the date of its signature and will be valid for five (5) years, extendable for equal periods, subject to evaluation, unless one of the Parties decides to terminate it giving thirty (30) days notice in writing of its intention to do so to the other Party.

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This Memorandum of Understanding may be modified by mutual consent of the Parties, executed through written communications specifying the date it comes into effect.

The earlier termination of this Memorandum of Understanding will not affect the conclusion of the cooperation programs or projects executed during its term.

Signed in Mexico City on the tenth day of March in the year two thousand three, in two original copies in English and Spanish, both texts being equally authentic.

**FOR THE MINISTRY OF PUBLIC  
EDUCATION  
OF THE UNITED MEXICAN STATES**

**FOR THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION,  
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