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AGREEMENT
FOR ACADEMIC AND SCIENTIFIC COOPERATION BETWEEN
THE EUROPEAN CENTER FOR PEACE AND DEVELOPMENT
OF THE UNIVERSITY FOR PEACE ESTABLISHED BY THE UNITED NATIONS
AND
THE KYRGYZ-TURKISH MANAS UNIVERSTIY, KYRGYZ REPUBLIC

To strengthen in the formal way academic and scientific ties between the two institutions, the Vice-Rector Prof. Dr. M. Sezai TÜRK, on behalf of the Kyrgyz-Turkish Manas University and Prof. Dr. Boris Cizej, Vice-Rector, on behalf the European Centre for Peace and Development (ECPD) of the University for Peace established by the United Nations, hereby agree to establish the following academic cooperation and conclude the Agreement:

Context

- 1) Already established links between the members of the professors' core of the ECPD and the Kyrgyz-Turkish Manas University have highlighted the potential for academic benefit through further cooperation. The goodwill developed through existing contacts, exchange of information about postgraduate studies and research projects have fostered a desire to seek further opportunities for joint activities.
- 2) Both institutions agree to promote joint academic, scientific and cultural endeavours and foster cooperation between its faculties, schools, departments, institutes and research centers.
- 3) The parties to this agreement on academic, scientific and cultural cooperation intend that it should recognize the goodwill that exists between them, and that it should facilitate the development of specific agreements and forms of cooperation.

Aims of the cooperation

- 4) The parties commit themselves to explore mutually beneficial cooperative projects in teaching, research, consultancy and educational programs, including exchange of professors and experts of the ECPD from the various countries and professors and experts of the Kyrgyz-Turkish Manas University, as well as to develop joint programs and eventually to create joint institutions.
- 5) Both institutions agree to cooperate in all areas of mutual interest and education and research programs. The parties intend to explore the potential for cooperative joint provision of tuition and qualifications in suitable areas.

Implementation

- 6) Within this framework both institutions shall cooperate in the following activities:
 - a) Joint education and research activities in areas of mutual interest to both institutions;

- b) Exchange of information in areas of mutual interest to both institutions;
 - c) Exchange of professors, researchers and students to carry out joint projects in the fields of cooperation that are established.
- 7) Joint education and teaching activities can be organized in the following way:
- a) joint Master's and Doctoral studies;
 - b) joint International Postgraduate Schools, seminars, instructive courses and innovation courses;
 - c) joint study programs abroad for professionals working in the corporate sector, scientific institutions and state administration, as well as for interested individuals;
 - d) joint study visits to certain institutions for experts and individuals referred to in the previous item;
 - e) joint organization and conducting of summer schools, workshops and study trips in Kyrgyz Republic, Republic of Serbia and within the region, particularly for foreign students and experts;
 - f) setting up joint departments and schools for postgraduate studies in the Kyrgyz Republic, Republic of Serbia and other countries.
- 8) Activity is likely to involve cross-disciplinary cooperation in a number of areas, which may include:
- a) economic, scientific, technological and social developments;
 - b) management development and education;
 - c) strategic management, financial management, small business management and project management, urban and environmental studies, sustainable development and the climate changes;
 - d) management in public companies, public administration and local self-government administration, health management;
 - e) technological innovation, knowledge management and quality management;
 - f) international relations, public diplomacy, economic diplomacy and journalism.
- 9) The Kyrgyz-Turkish Manas University and the ECPD commit to take in consideration and agree on the following:
- a) jointly try to provide financial resources for certain number of scholarships to be granted to the best students involved in their cooperation;
 - b) undertake to try by joint efforts to set up a permanent fund for granting scholarships to the students referred to in the previous paragraph of this item;
 - c) set the Rules for the joint postgraduate studies of the Master's and Doctoral level and other forms of improving postgraduate studies adopted by the Educational and Scientific Council of the Kyrgyz-Turkish Manas University and the ECPD Academic Council;
 - d) accept and mutually recognize diplomas, certificates and grades issued by both Universities, without any particular process of nostrification;

- e) issue bilingual degrees and certificates (alternative: diplomas and certificates in the Turkish and English languages);
- f) provide working premises, teaching means and other necessary teaching equipment;
- g) set tuition fee for the joint postgraduate studies and compensations (participation fees) for other forms of improving postgraduate studies by exchange of correspondence between the Kyrgyz-Turkish Manas University and the ECPD;
- h) negotiate annually the exchange of students. In order to do this, both institutions will exchange information at least six months prior to the beginning of the exchange period. This information shall specify the activities to be carried out and the means of cooperation, as well as their duration, dates, number of participants and whatever details are needed, taking into account reciprocity;
- i) use international relations in the area of education and science for postgraduate studies and improving postgraduate studies referred to in the Agreement, both of the Kyrgyz-Turkish Manas University and the ECPD;
- j) approve financial plans of cooperation in each particular case, through liaison officers, and confirm it by exchange of correspondence.

Management of the cooperation

- 10) In order to further the cooperation intended by this Agreement, and to facilitate effective communication and management of information, the ECPD and the Kyrgyz-Turkish Manas University agree that they will each nominate a liaison officer.
- 11) The liaison officers will be responsible for:
 - a) establishing and maintaining lines of communication necessary to give effect to the provisions, terms and spirit of this Agreement; and
 - b) managing the link established between the two institutions through this Agreement and any subsequent Annex.
- 12) The Parties agree to create the Parity Committee, consisting of three members of each signatory party. The main task of the Parity Committee will be to develop common policies and programs, determine joint tasks and objectives. Particular attention will be dedicated to international postgraduate education programs at the Specialist, Master's and Doctoral levels.
- 13) The Parity Committee mentioned above will have the task to propose and indicate programs, courses and joint activities, by forming a plan of activities for each new academic year.
- 14) All the operational details and nomination of liaison officers and members of the Parity Committee will be determined by a separate Annex to this Agreement.
- 15) Every joint project concerning this Agreement will be developed and put into practice by means of an Appendix in which all the details about the particular activity will be specified.

Financial responsibilities

- 16) Unless otherwise explicitly agreed, each party to this memorandum will be responsible for funding the activities of its staff in support of this cooperation. Financial responsibility for activity to implement other subsequent specific agreements will be agreed and defined within each Annex.
- 17) When appropriate opportunities arise the parties shall use their reasonable endeavours to align their areas of expertise to secure funds and resources to assist in achieving the aims referred to in this Agreement or subsequent specific Annexes.
- 18) In any case, both parties agree to seek external financial resources, both from public and private institutions.
- 19) Both parties will encourage joint participation in calls and projects, internationally and locally financed programs.

Individual projects and agreements

- 20) The subject, nature, extent and applicable provisions of each joint project will be negotiated on an individual basis depending on the constraints of available funds and resources, and be supported by a written agreement (Annex) made and entered into by and between the ECPD and the Kyrgyz-Turkish Manas University.

Duration of agreement

- 21) This agreement shall be in effect from the date of signature for an initial period of 10 (ten) years, and may be renewed by mutual consent of both parties thereafter.

Review of agreement

- 22) Not less than six months prior to the date of termination of this agreement, the liaison officers referred to in item 10 will undertake a review of the Agreement and make a joint report to each party to it.
- 23) Modification of the Agreement can be requested at any moment, by either party, by way of written notice to the other party, with minimum of three months' notice before the proposed modification should enter into force.

Termination of agreement

- 24) Either party to this agreement may terminate it by providing not less than twelve month's notice of termination to the other party.
- 25) In the event of termination prior to the end of the period indicated in item 21, the parties agree to work together to protect the interests of any students currently deriving benefit from the cooperation.

26) Eventual termination of the Agreement should be conducted without detriment to previously coordinated activities and will be resolved by joint agreement.

Conclusive remarks

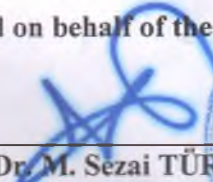
27) Present Agreement written in English language is to be considered as the only original version. Translations in Turkish and Serbian language are for internal use, while all eventual translations in any other language will have to refer to the original in English.

28) The present agreement will come into effect on the day of signing, once it has been approved by the proper authorities.

29) This Memorandum is signed in 4 (four) copies, two for each signatory party.

Agreed and signed on 14.7, 2023

Signed on behalf of the Kyrgyz-Turkish Manas University



Prof. Dr. M. Sezai TÜRK, Vice-Rector

Signed on behalf of the European Center for Peace and Development
of the University for Peace established by the United Nations



Prof. Dr. Boris Cizelj, Vice-Rector