





MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

between

the Foreign Policy Research Institute under the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Kazakhstan

and

the El Colegio De Mexico, A.C.

(hereinafter referred to as "the Parties")

Considering the necessity of promoting and enhancing cooperation, mutual exchange of information, development of projects and research programmes, as well as the exchange of experts and researchers;

Considering the important role played by "think tanks" in promoting relations between the Republic of Kazakhstan and the Mexico;

The Parties have reached the following understanding:

Paragraph 1

The purpose of cooperation is to promote and intensify mutual understanding and joint activities between the two institutions.

Paragraph 2

The Parties will arrange on a regular basis mutual visits and communication, exchange experiences and publications, and develop initiatives to promote cooperation between them in a comprehensive range of areas. The Parties will work together to promote the establishment of a stable cooperation mechanism and regular working contacts.

Paragraph 3

The Parties will conclude programme agreements in order to provide for specific cooperation and exchange projects in specific fields of mutual interest: including conducting of joint research, conferences, seminars, presentations, workshops, etc. The duration and terms of these projects will be determined in specific programme

agreements. The Parties will promote capacity-building through training programmes in such other areas of cooperation as may be mutually agreed.

Paragraph 4

Each joint programme and the funds it needs will be discussed on a case-by-case basis, and confirmed by a protocol signed by the Parties within the framework of this Memorandum of Understanding.

Paragraph 5

Neither Party will disclose or communicate any confidential information relating to the affairs of the other party to any third party, save where required by law or with the express written consent of the other Party. The obligations of confidentiality will remain valid even after the termination of this Memorandum of Understanding.

Paragraph 6

This Memorandum of Understanding does not create any legal rights or obligations under international or national law.

Paragraph 7

This Memorandum shall enter into force on the date of its signature and remain into force for a period of five years. The Memorandum shall be extended automatically for successive periods of five years, unless one of the Parties notifies the other in writing of its intention to terminate the Memorandum six months prior to its expiration. The termination of the Memorandum shall not affect the implementation of the joint projects, programs and other agreements undertaken by the Parties prior to the termination, which shall continue until their implementation has been completed unless the Parties otherwise agree.

Signed in Nur-Sultan and Mexico City on August 19, 2022 in two original copies in the English language.

For the Foreign Policy Research Institute under the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Kazakhstan

Chairman of the Board

For El Colegio De Mexico, A.C.

Prof. Silvia Elena Giorguli Saucedo

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