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AND

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ON THE COOPERATION IN THE AREA OF INTERRELIGIOUS AND INTER-
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FTSR, UoM and KAICIID are hereinafter referred to as each Party” or collectively as “the Parties” to this Memorandum of Understanding (hereinafter referred to as “MOU”).
INTRODUCTION

Whereas the institutions are united by a community of interests and goals in the academic and cultural fields:

Whereas universities and international organizations are precisely institutions bound by their very essence, their purpose and their goals to establish channels of communication, allowing the exchange of scientific and cultural knowledge.

The Parties have reached the following understanding:

ARTICLE I
OBJECTIVES

Enhance the quality of each Party’s research, teaching, and training activities by benefiting from their convergence of interests.

Pertinent actions in this domain may include, but are not limited to the following:

a) Joint research and conference projects;

b) Joint online education (e.g., Course on interreligious dialogue and peacebuilding);

c) Faculty member and researcher exchange program;

d) Student internship program.

ARTICLE II
COMMUNICATIONS

The Parties will exchange information and offer one another reciprocal support on academic and cultural matters through exchanges of publications and other appropriate actions.

The Parties will consult one another whenever they deem necessary, and specifically to jointly assess the development of research, teaching, and training activities and to draw up a record of actions already achieved or currently underway.

Article III
JOINT RESEARCH, TEACHING AND TRAINING ACTIVITIES

The Parties will seek the development of joint research activities, especially in the interdisciplinary fields of Theology and Religious Studies, Peace Studies, as well as intercultural and interreligious Studies.

Furthermore, the Parties will seek to the development of joint teaching and training activities, especially in the fields of applied Theology and Applied Religious and Cultural Studies, such as interreligious and intercultural dialogue as well as ethics and religious culture in a global world.

Article IV
EXCHANGE OF FACULTY MEMBERS AND/OR RESEARCHERS

The Parties will promote, within the current regulatory framework:

- When appropriate, the exchange of faculty members and/or researchers for periods that may range from a few days to several months;

- Mutual participation in appropriate conferences, seminars and internships organized by one or more of these two parties.
Article V
CONDITIONS AND MODALITIES

1. This MoU provides a framework for inter-institutional dialogue and cooperation between the Parties and will include, but not be limited to, the following working principles:

   (i) development of informal bilateral consultative meetings on a regular basis, as considered necessary, in order to review the MoU and review the activities carried out hereunder;
   (ii) engagement in on-going consultations and reciprocal sharing of information; and,
   (iii) exchange of experiences and best practices.

2. Modalities for this cooperation will be developed further by both Parties through more focused cooperation arrangements, and can include specific arrangements along the lines of each Parties' internal policies and regulations, such as a framework for financial contractual relations between the Parties. In the event that the Parties choose to sign separate, project-specific cooperation agreements, they will contain at least a summary and concept note of the project, building on a format as to be agreed.

3. In implementing project-specific cooperation, neither Party shall use the name and/or emblem of the other without prior written permission. In all circumstances, both Parties shall refrain from using the name and/or emblem of the other Party in a way that implies that they are part of the other Party or under its patronage or affiliation.

4. Each Party's obligation under the present MoU shall be subject to:
   a) the application of its respective rules and policies; and,
   b) the availability of the appropriate financial and other resources; and,
   c) governing bodies decisions;

5. Nothing herein constitutes an express or implied waiver of the privileges and immunities of the Parties, their personnel and their assets, in accordance with the relevant legal texts;

6. Any dispute that arises in connection with the application or interpretation of this Memorandum of Understanding or any supplementary arrangement shall be resolved by direct negotiation between the Focal Points. If the Focal Points are unable to reach a mutually satisfactory solution, they shall submit the matter to direct discussions between the Rector of the UdM and the Secretary-General of KAICID.

Article 6
DURATION AND TERMINATION

1. The present MoU will take effect upon its signature by the Parties and shall not expire without the formal written request by one Party to terminate the MoU and following written confirmation of the other Party.

2. The present MoU may be modified, at any time upon the formal written request by one Party, and takes effect upon fifteen calendar days of the receipt of written confirmation from the other Party.

3. Either Party may cancel the present MoU by giving two (2) months written notice to the other Party. Early cancellation of the present MoU will not affect the implementation and conclusion of any cooperation underway.

4. All extensions must be formalized via addendum modification pursuant to para. 2.
Signed in Vienna on 18 November 2013, in two original copies in English.

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