GENERAL PROTOCOL OF ACTION BETWEEN COUNTERPART INSTITUTION (COUNTRY) AND THE UNIVERSITY OF MURCIA (*KINGDOM* OF SPAIN)

On the one hand, *TITLE, NAME AND POSITION*, of the *COUNTERPART INSTITUTION, (COUNTRY).*  *COUNTERPART INSTITUTION* registered office is located at  *ADDRESS*. *COUNTERPART REPRESENTATIVE*, intervenes on behalf of the *COUNTERPART INSTITUTION* in his/her capacity as TITLE, by virtue of the faculties that authorize his/her appointment, according to *[legal or statutory regulations granting that representation power].*

And the other hand, Mr. José Luján Alcaraz, Rector of the University of Murcia, Kingdom of Spain, a public higher education institution affiliated with the Autonomous Community of the Region of Murcia and ruled by the Organic Law 6/2001, of December 21, of Universities. The University of Murcia’s registered office is located at Ave. Teniente Flomesta 5, Convalecencia Hall, 30003 Murcia, Spain. Mr. Luján Alcaraz intervenes on behalf of the University of Murcia in his capacity as Rector, by virtue of the faculties that authorize his appointment, according to Decree of the Autonomous Community of Murcia number. 34/2018, of April 13, published in the B.O.R.M. of April 14, 2018 and in accordance with the powers granted by article 20 of the Organic Law 6/2001, of December 21, of Universities and article 42 of the Statutes approved by Decree 85/2004, of 27 of August, published in the Official Gazette of the Region of Murcia, of September 6, 2004

*COUNTERPART REPRESENTATIVE* and Mr. José Luján Alcaraz hereby intervenes according to their respective positions and in the exercise of the powers to agree on behalf of the institutions they represent and they **DECLARE:**

1. That the present Protocol has been promoted by both Universities on the understanding of […………].
2. That both institutions pursue common academic, scientific, educational and cultural goals
3. That universities, in their very essence, are institutions which promote the exchange of academic and cultural knowledge.
4. That *COUNTERPART INSTITUTION* and the University of Murcia share common goals with regard to the fostering of research and training and the dissemination of culture.
5. That both universities are institutions with legal personality and capacity according to their respective national regulations, which entitle them to enter into protocols of this kind in order to more effectively fulfil the aims with which they are charged.
6. That under the terms of this protocol, both Universities express their commitment to the aims of fostering the exchange of teaching staff, researchers and students belonging to the institutions involved.

Based on the aforementioned statements, the parties involved hereby endorse the General Protocol of Action, which will be governed by the following conditions:

**First.** The *COUNTERPART INSTITUTION* and the University of Murcia, both represented in this act by the respective competent authorities, agree to subscribe this general protocol of action, with the aim of establishing the adequate channel for the common fulfillment of activities which shall redound to the benefit of their public service goals and will include the general academic scope which covers teaching, research and cultural activities

**Second.** The general agreed collaboration shall be developed in accordance with specific collaboration agreements approved and signed by the respective competent bodies of *COUNTERPART INSTITUTION* and the University of Murcia.

The specific agreements by which the collaboration programmes are defined may consider the following aspects:

a) The exchange of teaching staff, researchers, students and, when appropriate, administrative staff within the framework of existing provisions in both countries and the internal procedures of the institutions involved, albeit with the firm intention of removing the academic obstacles, both physical and formal, which impede the free exchange of individuals between both institutions.

b) The production of joint editions of monographs, whether historical, linguistic or of whatever nature, reflecting the common interests of both institutions.

c) The joint or collaborative completion of research projects in any of the branches of knowledge common to both institutions, with the respective financial resources available.

d) The promotion, organization and development of coordinated teaching activities

e) The promotion, organization and development of any international academic activity, be it congresses, conferences, colloquia or any other event of similar nature.

**Third.** The specific collaboration agreements shall detail the activities to be carried out, the place and delivery conditions, departments and participants involved, the duration of the programme, the required fundings for its completion, as well as any necessary aspects for its completion, including the respective commitments regime.

**Fourth.** With a view to fulfilling and monitoring the present Protocol, each of the institutions involved shall appoint a person or Department that will take the joint responsibility of the coordination between both institutions. For the University of Murcia, the Protocol shall be coordinated by the Vice-Rector responsible for International Relations. From *COUNTERPART INSTITUTION* shall be coordinated for […….…].

**Fith.** In the development of the actions in which the object of the present General Protocol of Action is made concrete, both parties will assume the values of commitment, dialogue, respect and responsibility of their respective ethical codes, which they hereby mutually acknowledge and accept. The University of Murcia Code of Ethics was approved in Government Council July 1, 2016, and that of the *COUNTERPART INSTITUTION* was approved *(date)*

**Sixth.** The present General Protocol of Action shall come into force on the date of signing and shall be effective for a duration of four (4) years. The Protocol may be extended for the same periods of time by mutual agreement of the parties expressed prior to the end of the term of this General Protocol of Action or any of its extensions.

In the same way, both parties may terminate the present protocol on not less than three (3) months advance presentation of written and formal notice.

**Seventh.** The present general protocol of action does not entail any legal obligation, nor due commitments for the signatories and it is not subject to international law.

In the consent of the present Protocol, the latter is signed in duplicate on every page, at the indicated date and place.

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| *FOR COUNTERPART INSTITUTION*  *COUNTRY*  *The…….*  *Name*  *Place, country,dd/mm/yyyy* | FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF MURCIA  *KINGDOM OF* SPAIN  The Rector  José Luján Alcaraz  Murcia, Spain, dd/mm/yyyy |