

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

BETWEEN

**THE 'INTERGOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION EDU
(EDU)**

AND

**THE 'INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR MIDDLE-EAST AND BALKAN STUDIES'
(IFIMES)**

The Intergovernmental Organization (EDU) and the International Institute for Middle-East and Balkan Studies (IFIMES), hereinafter collectively referred to as "the Parties", for the purpose of jointly promoting research, diplomacy, dialogue and education,

Recognizing the promotion of diplomacy and dialogue as fundamental tools for prevention of conflict,

Conscious of the fact that quality education is a fundamental human right, as laid down by International Law,

Aware that promoting cultural awareness and regional interaction at all levels, can help in the prevention of conflict,

Convinced that promotion of diplomacy and dialogue can help to overcome gender disparities,

Desirous of promoting the continuation of education in emergency and post-emergency situations,

Expressing their dedication to promoting diplomacy and dialogue in emergency and post-emergency situations,

Have agreed as follows:

1. On a voluntary basis, exchange relevant information and related resources. This may include, *inter alia*, training and research achievements and publications. The Parties will inform one another of relevant activities which they organize and which may be of common interest;
2. Promote research and training projects, study and discuss issues arising from international cooperation in the promotion of education;
3. Meet periodically, either physically or through the means of video-conferencing to identify possible priority areas for cooperation that present common strategic or operational objectives;

4. The Secretary-General of EDU shall be listed on the Advisory Board of IFIMES on IFIMES.ORG;
5. The President of IFIMES shall be listed as an EDU Observer on EDU.INT;
6. Publish a digital copy of this Memorandum of Understanding on their respective official websites; **EDU.INT** and **IFIMES.ORG**
7. Any commitment on the part of the intergovernmental organization (EDU) or the International Institute for Middle-East and Balkan Studies (IFIMES) within the scope of this Memorandum of Understanding will be subject to the availability of resources;
8. Any EDU Accreditation applied to current or future coursework, workshops and training programs of the International Institute for Middle-East and Balkan Studies (IFIMES) will be applied by EDU free of accreditation fees;
9. The cooperation under this Memorandum is non-exclusive. The activities carried out on the basis of this Memorandum of Understanding shall be without prejudice to the privileges and immunities reserved for each Party and these may be invoked at any time;
10. This intention is not to modify, or create any obligations contrary to, the institutional and policy framework of either Party or the scope of their respective mandates. In the event that there is an inconsistency between this Memorandum of Understanding and a Party's framework, the latter shall govern;
11. Upon request of either Party, consultations may be held on the need for an amendment to be made to this Memorandum of Understanding. Any such amendments will come into effect on the date on which it is duly signed by the representatives of the Parties and have the same duration as provided for, or as agreed to by the Parties;
12. This Memorandum of Understanding will come into effect on the date on which it is duly signed by the Parties. It will remain in effect for subsequent three-year terms, if neither of the Parties denounces it by giving not less than 180 days notice in writing to the other Party. Such termination shall become effective on the date specified in the termination notice.
13. Done in the English Language.

(EDU)



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In..... BRUSSELS



In Ljubljana

On..... 22 DEC 2014

On December 16, 2014


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