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**FRAMEWORK COOPERATION AGREEMENT**

**BETWEEN**

**THE UNIVERSITY OF MESSINA**

**AND**

**UNIVERSITY OF ONTARIO INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY**

The University of Messina - Italy, legally represented by the Rector, Prof. Giovanna Spatari,

*and*

The University of Ontario Institute of Technology, legally represented by the Provost Lori Livingston

hereby “the Parties”;

*Considering the interest of the Parties to establish a cultural scientific and didactic cooperation in fields of mutual scientific interest;*

*Considering cultural diversity an incentive, rather than an obstacle, to innovation and international cooperation;*

Agree under the following conditions:

### **1st Article**

The Parties are committed to promote joint didactic, research and cultural activities as well as scientific exchanges in the areas of mutual interest; to maintain the highest standards of teaching and research; to keep up with academic trends and to share innovations.

### **2nd Article**

The cooperation between the Parties may consist in cultural and scientific activities such as:

- mobility of academics, researchers, technical-administrative staff and students;
- mobility of Ph.D. students for thesis co-tutorship whose terms and conditions will be defined in specific agreements.
- joint research projects in areas of common interest;
- exchange of information, scientific works and other scientific and didactic materials of mutual interest;
- joint initiatives such as seminars, lectures, symposia, etc.;
- access to IT and research equipments and other facilities of both Institutions.

### **3rd Article**

Scientific aims, implementation procedures as well as expected results of each specific cooperation activity will be defined in specific protocols annex to the present framework cooperation agreement.

Each party shall pay its own costs, expenses, risks, or liabilities arising out of the implementation of this Memorandum of Understanding. Any activity carried out within the broad framework of this Memorandum of Understanding is subject to the mutual consent of the parties taking into account constraints of time, funding and other relevant resources.

#### **4th Article**

The present framework agreement shall be in force for a period of 5 years from the date of the last signature. Any amendment shall be made in written by the Parties. Either party may terminate this framework agreement at any time by either party providing six (6) months written notice to the other party of its intention to do so.

At the end of the period of 5 years the framework cooperation agreement may be renewed in written, unless 6 months before the expiry date one of the Parties notifies to the other Party the decision not to renew it.

#### **5th Article**

The processing of personal data related to this agreement is carried out by the Universities in accordance with applicable privacy laws including the European General Regulation No. 679/2016 for the protection of personal data and the Code regarding the protection of personal data, Legislative Decree No. 196/2003 and subsequent amendments and additions, and with the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act R.S.O. 1990, c. F.31.

#### **6th Article**

The present framework agreement includes two equivalent texts in English language. This framework agreement may be executed and delivered in any number of counterparts with the same effect as if all parties had signed the same document. Counterparts may be executed either in original or electronic form.

Where the Parties intend to use the name of the other Party, including any of its constituent departments, programs or logos, relating in any way to the activities described in this framework agreement, such use or publication will be in a form approved by the other Party.



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The Parties agree that there is no intention to share any confidential or proprietary information in any collaboration under this MOU. If either Party desires to disclose information of a confidential or proprietary nature, the Parties will enter into a separate written confidentiality agreement.

This framework agreement is not legally binding and does not create any legal, equitable, or financial rights, obligations, or liabilities for the Participants.

No party may assign or subcontract this Agreement without the prior written consent of the other party. Each party is an independent party and this Agreement does not create an employment relationship, partnership or joint venture between the parties. Neither party has the authority to bind the other party.

**Signatures:**

Date:

Prof. Giovanna Spatari

Rector of the University of Messina,  
Italy



Date:

Lori Livingston, PhD

Provost and Vice-President, Academic  
University of Ontario Institute of  
Technology  
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