



**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE DEPARTMENT OF
EDUCATION AND TRAINING OF AUSTRALIA AND THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
AND CULTURE OF THE REPUBLIC OF PARAGUAY FOR COOPERATION ON
EDUCATION, RESEARCH AND VOCATIONAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING**

The Department of Education and Training of Australia and the Ministry of Education and Culture of the Republic of Paraguay, hereinafter referred to as “the Participants”,

DESIRING to strengthen bilateral relations in the fields of education, research and vocational education and training between their respective countries;

CONSCIOUS that research, education and vocational education and training are ways to strengthen bonds between both countries;

IN ACCORDANCE WITH the laws of both countries;

Have reached the following understandings:

PARAGRAPH I

OBJECTIVE

The objective of this Memorandum of Understanding (hereinafter referred to as “Memorandum”) is to promote cooperation between the Participants, in order to develop activities in the fields of education, research and vocational education and training.

PARAGRAPH II

COOPERATION AREAS

In order to achieve the objective of this Memorandum, the Participants may, in accordance with their own laws, policies, rules and regulations, develop cooperation activities that include, but are not limited to the following areas:

- a) Education, research, vocational education and training systems standards and policy.
- b) Teaching and curriculum materials.
- c) Any other cooperation area mutually determined by the Participants.



PARAGRAPH III

COOPERATION ACTIVITIES

The cooperation activities that could be developed by the Participants under this Memorandum may be carried out through:

- a) Encouraging cooperation between government agencies, and other government organisations in the areas of education, research and vocational education and training.
- b) Promoting regular consultation between officials from both countries to discuss activities of mutual interest related to cooperation in education, research and vocational education and training.
- c) Facilitating linkages between both countries' education, research and vocational education and training institutions, subject to their availability, through:
 - i. Meetings, conferences and symposia.
 - ii. Exchange of students, academics and researchers as mutually determined by the Participants.
 - iii. Development of cooperation programmes.
- d) Exchanging information, in accordance with the current policies and laws of the Participants.

The Participants will not be bound to cooperate in those activities where there is an internal legal conflict, institutional guideline or custom.

PARAGRAPH IV

FINANCING

Unless otherwise agreed, each Participant will bear its own costs of cooperation referred to in this Memorandum, with resources allocated in their respective budgets, according to their availability, budgetary appraisal and the provisions of their national legislation.

PARAGRAPH V

DISPUTE SETTLEMENT

Any dispute arising in relation to the application and/or interpretation of this Memorandum will be settled amicably by the Participants, on the basis of good faith and seeking to maximise collaborative dispute settlement efforts.



PARAGRAPH VI

FINAL PROVISIONS

This Memorandum will become effective upon signature and will remain applicable for a period of three (3) years, to be automatically renewed for periods of equal duration. Either Participant may terminate its participation under this Memorandum at any time, through written communication sent to the other Participant six (6) months in advance. The termination of this Memorandum will not affect the conclusion of cooperation activities that may have been formalised while it was valid.

This Memorandum may be modified by the mutual consent of the Participants formalised in writing. Such modifications will be an integral part of this Memorandum and will become effective upon signature.

Signed in Asunción, on November 22nd, 2016, in duplicate in Spanish and English languages, all texts having equal validity.

**FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
AND TRAINING OF AUSTRALIA**

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