MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

BETWEEN

THE MINISTRY OF NATIONAL EDUCATION AND VOCATIONAL TRAINING OF HAITI

AND

THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE OF FINLAND ON EDUCATION

The Ministry of National Education and Vocational Training of Haiti, referred to as "Haiti", and the Ministry of Education and Culture of Finland, referred to as "Finland", together referred to as "Parties",

RECOGNIZING the importance of principles of sovereignty, equality and mutual benefit on education in the national development of each country

BELIEVING that bilateral cooperation in the field of education shall strengthen friendly relations and understanding between Haiti and Finland;

DESIRINGto increase bilateral cooperation and mutual assistance in the provision of education in their respective countries;

PURSUANT to the prevailing laws and regulations in their respective countries as well as the procedures and policies on national education development;

HAVE COME TO THE FOLLOWING UNDERSTANDING:

PARAGRAPH 1 OBJECTIVES

The objectives of this Memorandum of Understanding, referred to MoU, is to strengthen cooperation on education and training and contribute to the development of education on a reciprocal basis and to encourage collaboration in areas of strategic interest. The cooperation is intended to further enhance education exchanges and cooperation between universities and education specialists and to promote education information exchange.



PARAGRAPH 2 SCOPE OF COOPERATION

The scope of cooperation comprises of the following sub-areas:

- 1. Updatinginformation on education policy
- 2. Developing education by exploring new initiatives and programs according to the Parties' needs
- 3. Promoting cooperation between universities
- 4. Exchange of information, scientists, researchers and experts.

PARAGRAPH 3 AREAS OF INTEREST

The areas of interest comprise of the following sub-areas:

- 1. Training of Teachers
- 2. National curricula development and standards
- 3. Educational assessment and evaluation
- 4. Education sector agencies
- 5. Scientific Mobility
- 6. Early childhood development

PARAGRAPH4 FUNDING

The cost of the cooperative activities under this MoU will be funded on terms to be mutually determined by the Parties, and will be subject to the availability of funds.

PARAGRAPH5 SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTE

Any dispute or difference arising from the implementation of the provisions of this MoU will be settled amicably by consultation or negotiation between the Parties.

PARAGRAPH6 AMENDMENT

This MoU may be reviewed and amended at any time, by mutual written consent of the Parties. Such revisions or amendments will come into effect on the date as may be determined by the Parties and will form integral parts of this MoU.

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PARAGRAPH7 ENTRY INTO FORCE, VALIDITY AND TERMINATION

- 1. This MoU enters into force from the date of signature. It will remain in operation automatically unless terminated under paragraph 2 below.
- 2. This MoUmay be terminated at any time by either of the Parties giving six (6) months' notice in writing of its intention to the other side of the Parties. The termination of this MoU will not affect the implementation, where practicable, of ongoing activities or programs which have been decided upon prior to the date of the termination of this MoU.

In witness whereof, the Parties, authorized thereto by their respective Ministries, have signed this MoU in two copies in English and in French on September 10th 2014.

Minister of Education and Communication

Minister of Education and Vocational Training

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