

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**

**BETWEEN**

**THE GOVERNMENT OF THE  
PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF ALGERIA**

**AND**

**THE GOVERNMENT OF FINLAND**

**ON**

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**PREAMBLE**

The Government of the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria and the Government of the Republic of Finland (hereinafter jointly referred to as the "Parties" and in the singular as the "party");

**WISHING** to consolidate and strengthen the friendly ties and reciprocal understanding between their peoples; and

**DESIROUS** to further strengthen the existing areas of co-operation in educational matters;

**HEREBY AGREE** as follows:

**ARTICLE 1: EXCHANGE OF DELEGATIONS**

The Parties shall encourage the exchange of delegations consisting of members representing the Ministries of Education/Higher Education of the two countries to familiarize themselves with the educational system of their respective countries. Both parties will cover the costs of their own visits.

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## **ARTICLE 2: COMPETENT AUTHORITIES**

The competent authorities responsible for the implementation of this Memorandum of Understanding shall be:

- (a) in the case of the Republic of Finland, the Ministry of Education and Culture; and
- (b) in the case of the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria, the Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research

## **ARTICLE 3: EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION**

The Parties shall encourage co-operation and exchange of information on the structure, content and organisation of the education systems in both countries.

## **ARTICLE 4: CO-OPERATION BETWEEN INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION**

The Parties shall encourage direct contacts and co-operation between institutions of higher education in the two countries. The co-operation shall be in compliance with the relevant laws. All details concerning the cooperation shall be specified and decided between the respective institutions.

## **ARTICLE 5: EXCHANGE OF EXPERTS AND STUDENTS**

The Parties shall encourage various exchanges for educational purposes, which shall include visits of researchers and educational and technical experts.

The terms of cooperation will be specified through direct consultations between the institutions concerned.

## **ARTICLE 6: RECOGNITION AND EVALUATION OF QUALIFICATIONS**

The Parties shall establish requisite conditions for the recognition and evaluation of professional and academic qualifications awarded in their countries.

## **ARTICLE 7: PARTICIPATION IN CONFERENCES**

The Parties shall encourage the participation of their representatives in educational congresses, conferences, seminars, workshops and other international meetings held in their respective countries.

## **ARTICLE 8: FINANCIAL MATTERS**

All the financial matters related to the implementation of this Memorandum of Understanding shall be agreed directly by the institutions concerned.

## **ARTICLE 9: APPLICABLE LAW**

The Parties shall observe the domestic law of each other's country when participating in programs and projects organized under this Memorandum of Understanding. Due regard shall be given to the autonomy of the relevant institutions and bodies.

## **ARTICLE 10: AMENDMENTS**

Memorandum of Understanding may be amended by mutual consent of the Parties through an Exchange of Notes between the Parties through the diplomatic channel. Any amendment shall enter into force according to the same procedure required for the entry into force of the Memorandum of Understanding.

## **ARTICLE 11: ENTRY INTO FORCE**

Memorandum of Understanding will be applied temporarily from the day of its signing and will enter into force when the Algerian Party notifies the Finnish Party that the conditions required for its entry into force have been fulfilled.

## **ARTICLE 12: DURATION AND TERMINATION**

- (1) This Memorandum of Understanding shall remain in force until a new one is concluded.

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- (2) Either Party may terminate this Memorandum of Understanding by giving six-month prior written notice to the other Party of its intention to terminate this Memorandum of Understanding through the Exchange of Notes through the diplomatic channel.

#### **ARTICLE 13: EXISTING OBLIGATIONS**

At the expiration or termination of this Memorandum of Understanding, its provisions and the provisions of any separate protocols or contracts made pursuant thereto shall continue to govern any unfinished existing obligations or projects commenced there under until completion of such obligations or projects.

#### **ARTICLE 14: SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTES**

Any dispute between the Parties arising out of the interpretation, application or implementation of this Memorandum of Understanding shall be settled amicably through consultation or negotiation between them.

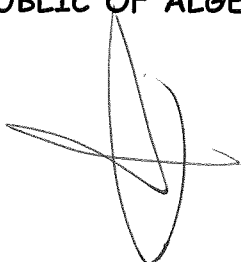
#### **IN WITNESS WHEREOF:**

The undersigned, being duly authorized thereto by their respective Governments, have signed this Memorandum of Understanding.

Done in two originals in the Arabic and English languages, both texts being equally authentic. Should any divergence arise as to its interpretation, the English text shall prevail.

Helsinki, 3.5.2011

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OF THE PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC  
REPUBLIC OF ALGERIA**



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