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MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (OR COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT) BY AND BETWEEN

**MACCA - Mercosur Accreditation Agency
Teresópolis, BRAZIL**

And

**National Agency for Quality Assurance in Education and Research
(ANACEC),
Chişinău, REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA**

MACCA and ANACEC

as higher education quality assurance agencies, they agree to cooperate in partnership and recognition. This document establishes the terms and guiding principles of collaboration between the two organizations.

I. Legal frameworks of both organizations

MACCA® Registration on July 20, 2020 (*safe creative*) No. 2007204810402. Headquartered in the Federative Republic of Brazil, MACCA is registered under CNPJ No. 33.328.861/0001-52 and certified by ISO 9001:2015, standing out for its international presence and commitment to high standards of academic quality. The agency maintains strategic partnerships with several international accreditation organizations and is double accredited by renowned institutions such as ABED, BSKG, CACEB, IARC, EDU.Int and ELQN, in addition to being recognized by other prestigious global agencies.

MACCA is a private accreditation entity whose mission is to promote excellence in higher education through robust processes and procedures. Our focus is on the integration between theory and practice to ensure quality, as well as on the exchange and understanding of policies and actions related to promoting quality assurance for the benefit of higher education, institutions, students and society in general.

THE MOLDOVAN QUALITY ASSURANCE AGENCY was established by Government Decision no. 652/2014 as the *National Agency for Quality Assurance in Professional Education (ANACIP)*. Following a reform initiated in 2017 by GD no. 201/2018, the name of the ANACIP was changed to the **National Agency for Quality Assurance in Education and Research (ANACEC)**. ANACEC is a legal public body, responsible for quality assurance in the field of education and research. In its areas of activity, the Agency collaborates with central and local public authorities, as well as with international bodies.

ANACEC aims at ensuring the quality of services provided by institutions in the field of education and research, thus contributing to the fulfillment of the requirements of society and the labor market in the training of competent staff. The Agency stimulates the increase of the level of responsibility of the institutions in the fields of education and research towards the quality of the services provided.

II. Purpose of the Agreement

Given the interest of both organizations in establishing cooperation ties to guarantee the quality of higher education, in order to contribute to the achievement of their global objectives, vision and mission. This agreement seeks to create a multidisciplinary and multilevel relationship between MACCA – Mercosul Accredited Agency and ANACEC – National Agency for Quality Assurance in Education and Research. The Agreement is defined as follows:

- 1) Both organizations have the opportunity to participate in each other's conferences and, upon request, can also act as keynote speakers, promoting a valuable exchange of knowledge and ideas.
- 2) The two institutions are strategically laying the groundwork for expanded future collaborations.
- 3) Focusing on academic and cultural exchange as well as mutual bilateral recognition, both organizations affirm their willingness to admit members who have undergone successful assessments by the counterpart. This recognition reflects the high regard that both parties have for each other's services.
- 4) Both organizations may disclose this partnership in accordance with the terms of this agreement and their respective advertising/marketing policies. Neither party will undertake any activity or advertising that may discredit the name of the other.

III. Execution of the Agreement

The specific activities to be carried out under this agreement will be indicated in the corresponding specific sub-agreements. Such specific sub-agreements, once approved by both parties, will be attached as annexes to this agreement.

The specific sub-agreements between the two organizations will specify their objectives, conditions and forms of execution, financial support, period of validity of the sub-agreement and administrative responsibility within each organization.

IV. Term and Expiration of the Agreement

It is understood that this agreement will come into force after being signed by both parties and will be established for an indefinite period.

The parties may cancel this agreement in writing at any time. The memorandum will be canceled in writing through a simple statement within 3 (three) months after notification.

Any additions, changes or deletions to this document must be approved by representatives of both organizations. All notifications must be in writing and addressed exclusively to the persons signing them.

The use of logos is authorized by both parties.

Date: February 27, 2025

For MACCA:

Gabriel César Dias Lopes – President



For National Agency for Quality
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Daniela Elenciuc – President

