



**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**

**BETWEEN**

**THE ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN**

**AND**

**THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA**

**ON COOPERATION IN THE FIELD OF EDUCATION AND TRAINING**

Guided by the desire to enhance the friendly bilateral relations between both countries in the field of education and training, and appreciating the importance of education as a factor of economic development, as well as a means for further cultivating the ties between their peoples, the Commonwealth of Australia and the Islamic Republic of Iran (herein referred to as "the Parties") record the following understandings:

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**PARAGRAPH 1**

This Memorandum of Understanding provides the framework within which education institutions in both countries can develop cooperative links which will be jointly considered by the institutions on the basis of mutual benefit.

**PARAGRAPH 2**

The Parties will assist in identifying recognised educational institutions, organisations, and other entities of Iran and Australia and endeavour to encourage, as appropriate, the development of contacts and cooperative opportunities and the conclusion of further arrangements between such bodies for the conduct of cooperative activities

The Parties agree to encourage such bodies to consider:

- (a) the exchange of academic staff and students;
- (b) mutual assistance in areas of interest in technical and vocational education;
- (c) the exchange of educational literature, teaching aids, information and demonstration materials as well as the organisation of relevant specialised exhibitions and seminars;
- (d) the development of collaborative training, joint research and development, technology transfer, and joint ventures between appropriate authorities and institutions;
- (e) arranging other forms of cooperation as may be mutually determined.

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**PARAGRAPH 3**

Cooperative activities under this Memorandum of Understanding will be subject to the availability of funds, as mutually determined by the relevant recognised institutions

**PARAGRAPH 4**

This Memorandum of Understanding will come into effect from the date of its signature and will be deemed to have commenced from that date

- (a) this Memorandum of Understanding may be terminated at any time by either Party giving notice in writing of its intention to do so to the other Party. In the event of the termination of this Memorandum of Understanding, the provisions hereunder will continue to be in effect until such time when the implementation of any procedures, plans and programmes of cooperation made thereunder have been carried out to their completion unless otherwise arranged
- (b) this Memorandum of Understanding may be reviewed or modified by mutual consent. Any alteration or modification of this Memorandum of Understanding may be done by an arrangement in writing between the Parties.
- (c) this Memorandum of Understanding is to be in effect for five years, and after the expiry of that time, unless otherwise arranged between the Parties, it will come into effect for another period of five years

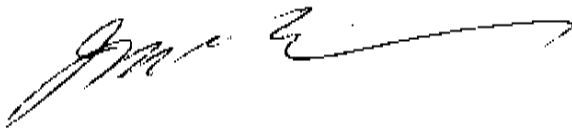
**PARAGRAPH 5**

Both Parties will settle amicably, and without unreasonable delay, by consultation any differences arising in relation to this Memorandum.

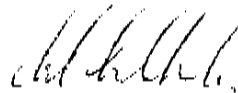
This Memorandum of Understanding is signed at CANBERRA on the FOURTH day of APRIL in the year 2000 in duplicate copies, one in English and the other in Farsi, all texts being equally authentic

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