

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE MINISTRY OF  
FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE REPUBLIC OF MALTA,  
THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE UNITED MEXICAN  
STATES, AND THE FEDERAL DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF  
THE SWISS CONFEDERATION**

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Malta, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the United Mexican States through the Matías Romero Institute, and the Federal Department of Foreign Affairs of the Swiss Confederation, hereinafter referred to as “the Parties”;

WISHING to promote and develop mutual cooperation in the field of online diplomatic training;

RECOGNIZING the importance of facilitating and disseminating the use of information technology in the field of diplomacy and international relations;

Have agreed as follows:

**ARTICLE 1**

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) has the objective of establishing a legal framework in order to carry out cooperative activities in promoting online diplomatic training, with special focus on new teaching methods.

**ARTICLE 2**

To achieve the objective referred to in Article 1, the Parties will exchange information on diplomatic training initiatives, including information on new online courses.

### **ARTICLE 3**

The Parties will promote the development and delivery of online courses in the areas of global governance where online diplomatic training addresses training needs of diplomatic services, especially those from developing countries.

### **ARTICLE 4**

The Parties will consider the possibility of organizing conferences, workshops and seminars on online diplomatic training in order to provide sharing of knowledge and experience with other diplomatic services, international organizations and other players in the global diplomatic activities.

### **ARTICLE 5**

The Parties will discuss possibilities for jointly developing and delivering new online courses addressing emerging issues in global diplomacy.

### **ARTICLE 6**

In order to achieve the objective of this MOU, Specific Programmes (SPs) will be formulated by the Parties.

The SPs will be integrated with specific projects or activities, which must include each of the following aspects:

1. objectives;
2. modalities of cooperation;
3. timeline for implementation;
4. allocation of human and material resources;
5. financial arrangements;
6. areas of coordination;

7. spread of results, and
8. any other information that the Parties consider appropriate.

#### **ARTICLE 7**

The Parties, if they so agree, will allow the participation of other public or private institutions, whose activities directly impact the cooperative activities, with the aim of strengthening and expanding the mechanisms that support an effective implementation of this MOU. In this context, the Matías Romero Institute will use online courses provided by DiploFoundation for regular training of its diplomats located at Mexican diplomatic missions worldwide. The necessary logistical and financial arrangements will be made between the Matías Romero Institute and DiploFoundation. The Matías Romero Institute will share its experience from this type of continuous training with the other two Parties to this MoU and consider the possibility of translating and delivering DiploFoundation's online courses for Spanish-speakers.

#### **ARTICLE 8**

Any difference or divergence derived from the interpretation or application of the present MOU will be resolved by the Parties in common agreement.

#### **ARTICLE 9**

This MOU will enter into force on the date of its signature and will remain valid for a three (3) year period, and may be renewed for equal periods after prior evaluation and acceptance by the Parties, through written communications.

Any of the Parties may, at any moment, terminate the present MOU by written notification to the other Parties, with six (6) months notice.

This MOU may be modified by mutual consent of the Parties, formalized through written communications specifying the date of entry into force of such modifications.

Early termination of this MOU will not affect the conclusion of the activities formalized while it was in force.

Signed in Geneva on this 25<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2009, in three original copies in the Spanish and English languages, both texts being equally authentic.

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