

UNOFFICIAL ENGLISH TRANSLATION

LETTER OF INTENT BETWEEN THE NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL DEVELOPMENT (CNPq), OF THE FEDERATIVE REPUBLIC OF BRAZIL, THE COIMBRA GROUP OF UNIVERSITIES (CG) AND ASSOCIAÇÃO GRUPO COIMBRA DE DIRIGENTES DE UNIVERSIDADES BRASILEIRAS (GCUB)

The National Council for Scientific and Technological Development (CNPq), a public foundation instituted by Law nº 6.129, of November 6, 1974, linked to the Ministry of Science and Technology (MCT), of the Federative Republic of Brazil, with headquarters in Brasília, DF, at SHIS QI 1 Conjunto B Edifício Santos Dumont, Lago Sul, CEP 71605-190, registered at CNPJ/MF under the number 33.654.831/0001-36, in this act represented by its Vice President Manoel Barral Netto, resident in the city of Brasília – DF, in the use of the faculties conferred by *Portaria* nº 440, of the Presidency of the Republic, published in the Official Gazette of the Union – DOU, Section 2, on 2nd of February 2011;

The Coimbra Group (CG), established by its founding charter on 24 September 1987 and registered under Belgian law as a not for profit organisation on 30 April 1992 in the *Moniteur Belge/Belgisch Staatsblad*, ref. no. 6820/92, in this act represented by the Chair of its Executive Board, Dorothy Kelly and

The *Associação Grupo Coimbra de Dirigentes de Universidades Brasileiras* (GCUB), formally constituted in November 27, 2008, established by Estatuto registered in 2º Ofício de Registro de Pessoas Jurídicas de Brasília-DF, under nº 000006364, in this act represented by its President Carlos Alexandre Netto,

henceforth called the **Parties**, recognising the importance of fostering scientific and technological cooperation and desiring to strengthen this cooperation on the basis of mutual benefit,

Have agreed as follows:

In the pursuit of their respective missions, and as a result of the collaboration existing between the CG and the GCUB since the latter's foundation, the **Parties** commit themselves to develop and strengthen their collaboration in the field of scientific and technological research, in accordance with their own programmes and those which may be jointly approved. Such collaboration will be carried out through the development of projects and activities, which will form an integral part of the programmes for scientific and technological cooperation considered by this instrument, with emphasis on innovation and entrepreneurship, as defined by the **Parties** and in conformity with their internal regulations.

The **Parties** may promote their cooperation through the following mechanisms, in conformity with their international responsibilities and with all applicable legislation and other regulations:

- exchange of students and researchers between those member universities of the CG and the GCUB networks who express their desire to participate, aiming at the promotion of research, consultation and exchange of experiences, and capacity building and training within joint R&D projects;
- organization of scientific and technological seminars, workshops, symposia and other meetings of mutual interest, so as to promote the interaction between the member universities of the CG and GCUB, together with other relevant institutions and research groups, with a view to identifying prospects for cooperation;
- exchange of information regarding R&D policies and strategies.
- access to facilities and resources where appropriate; and
- other forms of scientific and technological cooperation agreed by the **Parties**.

In order to implement this Letter of Intent, the three **Parties** agree to establish a detailed Work Plan within 30 (thirty) days from the signing of this document.

Done in three originals in the Portuguese language.

**FOR THE NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR
SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL
DEVELOPMENT – CNPq:**

FOR THE COIMBRA GROUP – CG :

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Manoel Barral
Vice President

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Dorothy Kelly
Chair of the Executive Board

Date of signature:

Date of signature:

**FOR ASSOCIAÇÃO GRUPO DE
COIMBRA DE DIRIGENTES DE
UNIVERSIDADES BRASILEIRAS – GCUB:**

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Carlos Alexandre Netto
President

Date of signature: 2nd November 2011

