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Memorandum of Understanding for the Academic Cooperation among the Universities in the Silk Road Universities Network

Following the recommendation of the 7th **Silk Road Mayors Forum (SRMF)**, that was organized by the **World Citizens Organization (WCO)**, and hosted by the **Gaziantep Metropolitan Municipality**, Turkey on November 10, 2012, the undersigned universities and institutes (hereafter called "the Parties") join the **Silk Road Universities Network** by signing the following agreement for the academic cooperation in the advancement of learning through exchange and cooperation in teaching and research among the universities.

Article 1

The Parties support the humane efforts of **WCO** for co-sponsoring **SRMF**s since 2006 with the Silk Road cities of Tashkent, Lanzhou, Almaty, Pyeongtaek, Shiraz, Grozny, Gaziantep and Yeosu, celebrating the cultural diversities beyond borders by taking advantage of the positive Silk Road Spirit, which has been elevated by these **SRMF**s to form a network of universities to be known as "**Silk Road Universities Network**".

Article 2

The Parties shall endeavor to nurture world citizenship and to advance the **WCO**'s goals of global peace and harmony and Silk Road Spirit through glocalizd and networked education.

Article 3

The Parties shall utilize all available resources in the **Silk Road Universities Network** to develop curriculum, research projects and conferences that can promote cultural exchanges and nurture world citizenship and academic excellence, making the ancient Silk Road the "New Knowledge Highway".

Article 4

The Parties in the **Silk Road Universities Network** shall accept students, teachers and researchers from around the world who aspire to become world citizens without prejudice to their country of origin, race or religious beliefs.

Article 5

The faculty of the universities shall be encouraged to excel in their fields of expertise so that the students will be able to receive reciprocal academic credits when they enroll at other Silk Road Universities.

Article 6

The universities shall collectively promise to try to raise an initial Scholarships Endowment of One Million EURO from all sources except people who are engaged in weapons or warfare which are contrary to the humane "Silk Road Spirit".

Article 7

The universities shall each contribute the Annual Membership Fee to be determined at the next Annual General Meeting for the administration of the Secretariat of the Network.

Article 8

The Parties shall hold an "Annual General Meeting" to advance the goals of the Network.

Article 9

The universities shall collaborate with **WCO** and the Silk Road city mayors at future **SRMF**s to jointly promote the positive spirits of the Silk Road and global values of world citizenships.

Article 10

The Parties agree that specific details of cooperation necessary to implement this agreement must be negotiated among the concerned parties.

Article 11

The universities acknowledge that unless otherwise agreed upon, all expenses concerning salaries, travels, living and allied costs will be determined at the discretion, and be the responsibility of the visitor's home university or participating visitor.

Article 12

This agreement shall become effective as of the date of signatures by the representatives of the Parties. The amendment or the termination of this agreement shall not be effective without deliberation among the Parties.

Article 13

The Parties agree to review this agreement every five years in order to evaluate the progress and improve the quality of the exchange. If it is not cancelled by one of the parties notified by a registered letter six months in advance, it will be renewed automatically for another 5 years term; the same procedure will occur at the term of period.

Article 14

The agreement will be drawn up in multiple copies in English. One copy of this agreement will be retained at each university or institute.

In witness whereof, all parties hereto have offered their signatures:

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