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**FORMALIZATION FRAMEWORK AGREEMENT FOR
RECOGNITION AND ENDORSEMENT OF THE EDU
ACCREDITATION SYSTEM**



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INTERGOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION

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The Parties to this Framework Agreement,

Conscious of the importance of external recognition of qualifications,

Desirous of promoting cooperation and interaction between institutions of learning worldwide,

Recognizing the need for an easier system for the public to verify accreditation status of institutions of learning,

Expressing their commitment to preventing the activities of illegitimate and unlicensed institutions of learning,

Have agreed as follows:

Article 1

To recognize and endorse the undertakings and activities of the Intergovernmental Organization EDU, brought into existence by treaty on 3rd June 2011.

Article 2

To recognize and endorse the undertakings and activities of the 'The EDU Commission for Accreditation', duly established by executive mandate by His Excellency, G.Irving Levance , Secretary General of EDU on July 1st 2011, henceforth referred to as:

-- EDU ACCREDITATION --

"for promotion of international cross-border recognition between institutions of learning and prevention of illegitimate and unlicensed institutions of learning"

Article 3

The present agreement does not entail any financial obligation for the Parties.



Article 4

EDU ACCREDITATION for an institution of learning shall only be granted on successful evaluation by four (4) members of the EDU Official Assessment Committee. These members shall be selected randomly by the Office of the Secretary General of EDU.

The four (4) members shall consist of:

Three (3) Academics, one (1) Observer.

For the purposes of transparency and public record, a full list of the Assessment Committee is published at the following web address. [http://edu.int/EDU Assessment Committee.htm](http://edu.int/EDU_Assessment_Committee.htm)

For the purposes of EDU Accreditation, the main focus of the official assessment shall be upon:

Legality of Operation –

Confirmation of legal existence and conformity to relevant legislation.

Existing Accreditation Status –

Accreditation from other accreditation bodies recognized by EDU.

Physical and Technical Inspection –

Inspection of educational facilities or delivery platforms as deemed necessary.

Further Regional Standards –

To be compatible with regional norms and general accreditation guidelines, further quality standards in certain regions of the world may be applied by local agencies representing EDU.

On completion of an assessment, each individual Academic Assessor shall report their findings together with a positive or negative vote to the designated Observer.



Article 5

Internal Protocols and Reporting

A majority vote in favor of Accreditation for an institution of learning:

In the event of a majority vote in favor of Accreditation, this information shall then be passed to the Office of the Secretary General of EDU by the Observer. The Office of the Secretary General of EDU shall then authorize the publication of EDU Accreditation Status for the applying institution of learning.

An institution of learning awarded EDU Accreditation shall be deemed accredited for a minimum of one (1) year and a maximum of four (4) years, after which, a new assessment will need to be conducted.

A non-majority vote in favor of Accreditation for an institution of learning:

A non-majority vote in favor shall result in the withholding of EDU Accreditation for the applying institution. The institution may then re-apply after twelve (12) months.

Article 6

For the purposes of transparency and public record, an institution awarded EDU Accreditation shall place the Official EDU Accreditation logo upon institutional publications, letterheads, diplomas, certificates, website and other published media.



Official EDU Accreditation Logo



In the case of electronic media, the logo shall be linked (whenever possible) to the accreditation status page of the institution as published on: WWW.EDU.INT

Article 7

Each Party may, at any time, withdraw from this Agreement.

Article 8

This Agreement enters into force according to international law on the date of the signature hereof, and shall be open for approval or adhesion by signature of the present document or by deposit of formal instrument with the depositary.

The EDU Secretary-General shall be the designated depositary.

Article 9

In the event of a dispute between parties relating to this Agreement, each Party shall give full and sympathetic consideration to any proposal advanced by the other to settle amicably any matter for which no provision has been made in the application of this Agreement.

IN FAITH WHEREOF, the undersigned, duly authorized, have signed this Agreement.

DONE

Party:.....

Name:

Title.....
(duly authorized thereto)

