Letter of intent
between
Universiteit Gent, Koninkrijk België
And
Universidad de las Fuerzas Armadas, Republica del Ecuador

Universiteit Gent, hereinafter UGent, represented by the Rector Prof. Dr. Anne De Paepe, with legal address in Sint-Pietersnieuwstraat 25, B - 9000 Gent, Belgium and

Universidad de las Fuerzas Armadas - ESPE, hereinafter ESPE, represented by the Rector Gral. Roque Moreira Cedeño, with matrix campus at Av. Gral. Rumiñahui s/n, Sangolquí, Ecuador.

Considering that both parties recognize the importance of establishing cultural and scientific relations between institutions of higher education in different countries, in order to achieve their institutional objectives, establish the following letter of intent (hereinafter referred to as Cl)

Both parties consider mutually beneficial to strengthen the bonds between their respective academic communities and to contribute to a better understanding and communication between the two cultures.

Both parties consider beneficial to provide mutual assistance in the areas of teaching, research, technology transfer, student and staff exchange, staff development, curriculum development and other programs which be considered beneficial for both parties.

Ways and means for development of joint activities, use of the results of the research, student exchanges, academic exchanges, publications and other forms of cooperation will be established separately in specific cooperation agreements within the framework of the rules and regulations of both parties and subject to the availability of funds and resources for each one of them or of third parties.

The parties agree to designate, on behalf of each institution, a coordinator whose responsibility will be the supervising the execution of this Letter of Intent,

By ESPE, this coordinator will be Prof. Carlos Naranjo Guatemala, Director of Department of Energy and Mechanical Sciences (DECEM).

By UGENT, this coordinator will be Prof. Patrick De Baets, Head of Department of Mechanical Construction and Production.

This letter of intent shall be effective after approval by both parties on the last date of signature and will be valid for a period of one (1) year; then both
parties may agree to enter in a Cooperation Agreement.

This CI is signed in duplicate in English and Spanish, all copies of the same value from his signature, in accordance with the regulations and provisions in force in each institution.

By
Universiteit Gent

By
Universidad de las Fuerzas Armadas-ESPE

Prof. Dr. Anne De Paepe
Rector

Gral. Roque Moreira Cedeño
Rector

6 SEP 2015