



**POTENTIAL ACADEMIC COOPERATION
BETWEEN
UNIVERSIDAD DE LAS FUERZAS ARMADAS – ESPE (University of the Armed
Forces – ESPE)
AND
KING’S COLLEGE LONDON**

WHEREAS:

The King’s College London, located at London WC2R 2LS, United Kingdom, represented by Prof. ‘Funmi Olonisakim as one part, and the other, Universidad de las Fuerzas Armadas - ESPE , located at Sangolquí - Ecuador represented by director Crnl. De C.S.M Victor Emilio Villavicencio Álvarez, PhD. and jointly referred to as “the participants”, with regards to a joint declaration on potential mutual cooperation and collaboration in academic areas of common interest hereby establish the following:

- A. The interest expressed by the ESPE, Ecuador and the King’s College London, United Kingdom to develop their relationship and mutually held interests on a reciprocal basis while respecting the independence and equal status of each institution.
- B. The intent shown by the director of ESPE, and of King’s College London in continuing and expanding their collaborative relations.

HEREBY ACKNOWLEDGE:

Article 1 – Objective and Scope

The general purpose of this arrangement is to facilitate potential cooperation between King’s College London and ESPE on jointly held interests relating academic. Any activity by the participants shall be performed based on mutual respect, equality and in mutual benefit therein.

Therefore, this instrument is focused on the development and advancement of academic and faculty cooperation between the participants through potential projects and training, research and outreach activities undertaken by King’s College London and ESPE.

This document is a non-binding arrangement for voluntary, joint academic cooperation and dissemination of activities developed within the context of this arrangement wherein no rights are extended nor are obligations created for the participants.

Article 2 – Potential Areas of Cooperation

- (a) To exchange academic materials and information;
- (b) To co-sponsor international academically-focused events;
- (c) To collaborate on joint research projects and publications in areas of mutual interest as defined by both institutions;
- (d) To engage in activities that will enhance mutual understanding and collaboration such as the participation in interviews; coordination for video/teleconferences; presentation of outreach lectures; and participation in lectures, meetings and other activities organized by both institutions;
- (e) To explore suitable arrangements to facilitate the exchange of visiting scholars and faculty members, and to provide institutional courtesies such as reasonable access to the library and other facilities. The institution of origin will be responsible for paying all costs associated with the travel of its participants. The host institution will provide no compensation to the visitors unless expressly agreed to in writing and in advance;
- (f) To allow opportunities for co-branding on public releases and events.

Notwithstanding the former, the participants may present concrete proposals on topics of common interest during the duration of this arrangement which may be exchanged via established coordination channels created for this purpose, in accordance with existing legal standards of each cooperating institution and country.

Article 3 – Implementation

- (a) The participants may establish a liaison for the purpose of developing the initiatives and activities that are envisaged under this arrangement.
- (b) Any proposed activities arising from this arrangement must be agreed to in writing by the participants.
- (c) To fulfill the objectives of this arrangement, agreements and understandings may be established separately. Specific addendums may specify any initiatives, areas of collaboration and concrete proposals for cooperation and collaboration along with all conditional and logistical details and financial considerations that would allow for the fulfillment of this arrangement.

Article 4 – Costs

- (a) Financial arrangements necessary or incidental to the execution of activities arising from this agreement must be agreed to in writing by the participants and shall require appropriate contractual arrangements.

- (b) The activities proposed are subject to the availability of resources and financial support of each participant.

Article 5 – Confidentiality

- (a) Each participant shall maintain the confidentiality of information received from the other participant for the purposes of this arrangement and undertakes not to disclose any information to any third party without the specific written permission of the participant from whom the information was received, save where such information is already in the public domain or is required to be disclosed by any applicable law or regulations (which, in the case, of King's College London, shall include under the Freedom of Information Act 2000), or where the extent of such disclosure is authorised in writing by the other. This provision shall survive the expiry or termination of this arrangement.
- (b) Both participants will refrain from using the logo of the other participant without first obtaining the written permission of the other participant.

Article 6 – Intellectual Property

- (a) The participants may present its research result at: conferences, technical-academic meetings, or other events of a similar nature previously agreed; as well as publishing said results in magazines, newspapers, and specialized journals, recognizing the contribution of each of the members in accordance with the standards and ownership determined for said purpose.

Article 7 – Amendments

The participants may modify this arrangement by mutual concurrence in writing.

Article 8 – Duration and terms

- (a) This arrangement shall be in effect from the date signed and will continue for a period of five (5) years. Each participant will endeavor to provide no less than a six month notice prior to executing a unilateral decision to terminate.
- (b) This arrangement is not legally binding, but provides guidelines for potential cooperation between the participants.

Article 9 – Management and Coordination

Each institution may designate a coordinator to oversee the full implementation of this arrangement, maintain and continually update data and information on mutual interest that strengthen the relations and cooperation between the two institutions.

For these purposes, King's College London designates Director of Global Engagement, and ESPE designates the Office of Security and Defense. Who should maintain permanent contact for coordination purposes regarding the development of this declaration for potential cooperation.

Article 10 – Dispute Resolution

Any dispute with regards to an interpretation or implementation of this arrangement or subsequent arrangements shall be resolved between the participants via direct consultation or another jointly agreed upon method. Resolutions shall be based on mutual understanding and good faith in the spirit of cooperation exemplified in this present instrument and therefore shall not be submitted to any national or international court or third party for resolution.

Article 10 – Limitations

This arrangement does not limit the ability for the participants to enter into similar arrangements on analogous topics with other national or international, public or private institutions.

For the Universidad de las Fuerzas Armadas - ESPE:

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Director

(date) ENE 2023



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