



**FRAMEWORK AGREEMENT ESTABLISHING  
AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION PROMOTING  
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**REPUBLIC OF VANUATU**

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The Parties,

Being United Nations Member States and,

*Conscious* of the importance to exchange ideas in a constantly changing world,

*Desirous* of promoting mutual respect between cultures and peaceful cooperation and interaction,

*Recognizing* the need for non political positive dialogue and cultural exchange as means to strengthen multi-lateral ties,

*Expressing* their commitment to peaceful co-existence and mutual understanding,

Have agreed as follows:

**Article 1**

In order to attain the objectives stated in this agreement the Parties hereby establish and bring into existence an Intergovernmental Organization named:

-- EDU --

“promoting international education and understanding”.

**Article 2**

The Organization is self funding and shall carry out its activity through public and private voluntary grants and contributions, which shall be managed as a Special Voluntary Fund.

**Article 3**

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

**Article 4**

The Organization created by this Agreement is an independent international legal personality and is subject of and governed by international law, empowered to undertake any and all activities normally expected and permitted of an Intergovernmental Organization, endowed with full juridical personality of international law, with all related capacities and prerogatives including the right to enter into contracts and agreements and be party to legal proceedings and is composed of:

- 1) Secretariat
- 2) Board of Commissioners
- 3) Dialogue Commission, Friendship Commission and Cooperation Commission as affiliated bodies.
- 4) Other such affiliated bodies established by the Secretary-General as deemed necessary to the furtherance of the objectives stated in Article 1.

#### **Article 5**

The Board of Commissioners, formed from the Heads of the affiliated bodies listed in Article 4 (3) and (4), meets once a year, summoned by the Secretary-General, to deliberate on the issues on the agenda, to formulate internal rules and procedures and to create, as the case may be, other affiliated bodies.

The Board of Commissioners is chaired by a Chairman and a Vice-Chairman, elected every two years and deliberates at simple majority (one vote for each Commissioner).

#### **Article 6**

The Secretariat of the Organization is composed of a Secretary-General, appointed every five years by the Board of Commissioners and who may be re-elected, and of members of staff, officials, scientific advisors, legal advisors and educational advisors as well as technical, legal, educational and scientific commissions, appointed by the Secretary-General.

The Secretariat is responsible for the ordinary and the extraordinary administration of the Organization and of its affiliated bodies.

The name of the first Secretary-General is indicated in the annex.

#### **Article 7**

The Dialogue Commission, Friendship Commission and Cooperation Commission shall be established by the Secretary-General and shall be headed by a Commissioner and be composed of a Deputy Commissioner, Assistant Commissioners and of members of staff, officials, scientific advisors, legal advisors, technical advisors, logistical advisors and educational advisors, appointed by the Secretary-General.

#### **Article 8**

The Intergovernmental Organization EDU is coordinated by the Secretariat. The Organization is composed of experts, researchers and other members of staff, with the aim to promote international education and understanding.

#### **Article 9**

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

The Parties agree that, whenever, as a result of withdrawal of one or more Parties here from, the plurality of Parties should temporarily be discontinued, the Secretariat shall be empowered to undertake, as extraordinary administration, the activity of the Organization, resolving on the relevant issues relating to such activity.

#### **Article 10**

This Agreement enters into force according to international law on the date of the second 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 original of this Agreement, of which the English, and French, texts are identical and equally authentic and valid, shall be deposited with the EDU Secretary-General and who shall be in charge for all relevant functions.

The EDU Secretary-General shall be the designated depositary and shall be responsible for the submission of all documents to the United Nations Secretariat General for the purposes of registration of this Agreement under Article 102 of the United Nations Charter.

**Article 11**

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 the event of a dispute in which all diplomatic channels have been exhausted, then the matter may be referred to the International Court of Justice for arbitration and resolution under international law.

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

**ANNEX**

- I) Seat of the Organization: Provisionally Brussels
- II) Name of the first Secretary-General: Gary LEVANCE

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Party: VANUATU

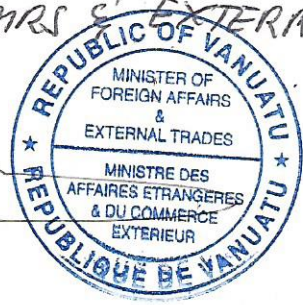
Name: GEORGE A. WELLS

Title: MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS & EXTERNAL TRADE  
(duly authorized thereto)

Signature: [Handwritten Signature]

Date: 28. March. 2011

Place: VANUATU



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