MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

BETWEEN

DEVELOPING-8 ORGANIZATION FOR ECONOMIC COOPERATION (D-8)

AND

ISLAMIC WORLD SCIENCE CITATION CENTER (ISC)

This Memorandum of Understanding is based on Steering Committee policies of Islamic World Science Citation Center (ISC) which was held on September 29, 2012, to lay a framework of cooperation with D-8 Organization, through the Office of the Vice Minister in Research and Technology Affairs of the Ministry of Science, Research and Technology, I.R of Iran, with the presence of ISC Steering Committee members.

The Memorandum of Understanding is comprised of the following articles:

Article 1

Both Parties agree to work closely to promote cooperation among D-8 countries in the field of scientometrics, technology, and innovation.

Article 2

Both Parties agree to cooperate in providing favorable grounds to develop the growth of science in the D-8 countries, among others through ensuring optimum cooperation among scientists in the member countries, and producing effective policies in the field of science and technology in D-8 countries, including through cooperation with the D-8 University.

Article 3

Both Parties agree to cooperate in facilitating the D-8 Member States’ capacities to benefit from available scientific facilities at universities, higher education and research institutions of D-8
countries, with the aim of citation analysis and measuring research performances to identify the strength and weaknesses of scientific and technological efforts of D-8 members.

**Article 4**

Both Parties agree to cooperate in supporting education, research and scientific activities related to scientometrics in D-8 countries.

**Article 5**

Both Parties agree to cooperate in holding workshops on ISC as a scientific citation network for D-8 countries, in cooperation and coordination with D-8 Member States.

**Article 6**

Both Parties agree to support cooperation between universities and research centers in D-8 countries, as well as support relevant initiatives by the D-8 University, and other D-8 bodies.

**Article 7**

Both Parties agree to cooperate in introducing ISC’s scholarship plan to D-8 countries.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Secretary General of D-8 and the President of ISC have signed this MoU in two original copies in English language, both texts being equally authentic.

Signed at **Istanbul** on **31 July 2018**

For and on behalf of the D-8 Organization for Economic Cooperation (D-8)

For and on behalf of the Islamic World Science Citation Center (ISC)

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