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D-8 International University Statute

International University of D-8 Organization for Economic Cooperation is an international University affiliated to the D.8 Organization for Economic Cooperation consisting of Bangladesh, Egypt, Indonesia, Iran, Malaysia, Nigeria, Pakistan and Turkey, aiming at strengthening academic exchanges among the member states and enforcing Para (7) of Article (10) of D-8 roadmap (2008-2018), which highlights the “promotion of cooperation on science and technology with the aim of institutionalising the subjects of cooperation through establishment of research centres of D-8 institute/university". This autonomous university is established to strengthen cooperation among memberstates through inter-university and student exchanges, in order forthe memberstates to achieve an acceptable international share of these exchanges. This university is in accordance with the D-8 goals admissions, but it will have an independent legal entity and will be at the level of an international university which promotes values such as learning, peaceful coexistence among religions, peace and prosperity, and academic independence.



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Article 1

Definitions and Abbreviations

1. **'The University'** or D-8 International University' refers to the International University of the D-8 Organization for Economic Cooperation.
2. **'Member States'** refers to the countries which are members of the D-8 Organization for Economic Cooperation.
3. **'The D-8'** refers to the D-8 Organization for Economic Cooperation.
4. **'The Founding University'** refers to Bu-Ali Sina University located in the city of Hamedan, Iran.
5. **'The Board of Trustees'** refers to the board of trustees of the International University of D-8 Organization for Economic Cooperation.
6. **'The host'** or **'the host country'** refers to the Ministry of Science, Research, and Technology of the Islamic Republic of Iran.
7. **'The Organization'** refers to the D-8 Organization for Economic Cooperation.
8. **'Secretary General'** refers to the Secretary General of D-8 Organization for Economic Cooperation.



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Article 2

Headquarters, Branches and Language

1. Bu-Ali Sina University, as the founding university, will be the seat of the D-8 International University.
2. The university can have specialized and affiliated institutions in the host country and specialized and affiliated institutions and branches in other member states, the conditions of which will be determined by the Board of Trustees.
3. The language of education and official meetings will be English; however, education in other languages will also be allowed, if adopted by the Board of Trustees.

Article 3

Objectives

1. Advancement of goals specified in the D-8 roadmap under the title "Science, Technology and Innovation".
2. Training and developing human resource in the prioritized areas of the D-8 governments.
3. Strengthening the status of the Islamic developing countries in the world through higher education and science and technology development.



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4. Sharing knowledge among intellectuals, academics and scientists in the Islamic developing countries.

Article 4

Missions and Functions

1. Admission of students, especially from D.8 member states and nonmember states, establishment of courses in higher education, issuance and grant of academic degrees and certificates, holding short-term courses leading to obtaining a degree, issuing and awarding other academic degrees;

Note: By adopting this statute, the member states will be committed to admit and assess the degrees issued by this university.

2. Conducting research projects, holding conferences, seminars and workshops, etc. and awarding prizes, scholarships, and fellowships;

3. International cooperation, publishing journals and newsletters and organizing cultural programs to strengthen cultural exchanges among D-8 nations;

4. Offering scholarships, exchanging students, professors, and offering sabbaticals;

5. Offering consultations to countries, organizations, and other applicants in the fields of education, science, technology, and innovation.

6. Conducting research programs to determine the priorities and educational, scientific and technological needs of D-8;



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7. Establishing specialized centers and branches to facilitate sharing of knowledge, and supporting the industry-university relationship and enhancing the standards of education among the D-8 countries.

Article 5

Organs

The University shall be composed of the Board of Trustees which shall be the highest decision-making organ. The Chancellor, the Board of Directors, the University Council, the Secretariat, and the International Scientific Council shall offer technical and scientific consultations to the University.

Article 6

The Board of Trustees

The University shall act under the supervision of an international Board of Trustees that shall determine the general policies of the University. The Board of Trustees shall be composed of the following:

- 1) Iranian Minister of Science, Research, and Technology as the chairman of the Board of Trustees;
- 2) Three higher education ministers from the member states or their official representatives;



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- 3) Secretary General of the D-8 Organization;
- 4) The Chancellor of the founding university as the Secretary of the Board of Trustees;
- 5) The Chancellor of D-8 International University;
- 6) Four representatives from among the prominent academic figures of the member states;

Note 1: In each term of the Board of Trustees, three ministers from the member states or their official representatives as well as one from the host country, as the chairman of the Board of Trustees, shall be members of the Board of Trustees in alphabetical order of the names of the countries.

Note 2: The four academic representatives mentioned above shall include only those countries whose ministers are not currently members of the Board of Trustees.

Note 3: Executive regulations concerning the term of the Board of Trustees, its procedures, and the participation of the non-resident members of the Board of Trustees shall be drafted and adopted in the first session of the Board of Trustees.



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Functions and Powers of the Board of Trustees

The Board of Trustees shall:

- 1) Make strategic plans and policies of the University;
- 2) Address the adoption of the agendas as well as development plans of the University, the formulation of short-term and long-term plans, annual budget allocation, and attraction of resources;
- 3) Establish new branches, specialized centers, or other independent institutions in consultation with the International Scientific Council under the conditions determined and adopted by the Board of Trustees;
- 4) Examine and adopt the strategic educational and scientific plans of the University;
- 5) Monitor the activities of the University and ensure whether they conform to the plans, policies, and strategic plans of the University;
- 6) Appoint, dismiss or accept the resignation of the Chancellor under regulations adopted by the Board of Trustees.
- 7) adopt the executive and financial regulations of the University;
- 8) Determine the technical tasks of the International Scientific Council and consult the Council about educational and scientific issues;



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- 9) Determine the organizational structure of the University;
- 10) verify the competence of the members of the International Scientific Council who were nominated by the Chancellor;
- 11) Determine the standards of admissions as well as teaching staff recruitment, confirm the conditions of scholarship programs, and confirm research programs in consultation with the International Scientific Council;
- 12) Amend the statute of the University according to relevant constitutional principles.

Article 8

The Chancellor of the University

The Chancellor has an International status, leading the University, acting as the legal representative of the University, and being responsible for its long-term as well as everyday activities. The Chancellor is independent with regard to meeting his/her individual obligations as a chairperson; however, in leading the University and executing the university plans, he/she shall be accountable to the Board of Trustees.

A. Qualifications and Appointment

1. The Chancellor shall be selected from among the prominent academic figures of the member states and shall have considerable experience of organizational



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planning as well as management in international fields. The Chancellor shall be selected from among the qualified persons proposed by the member states for a four-year term which can be extended for another four-year term.

2. In order to stabilize the status of the University, the first and second term of the Chancellorship which amounts to a total of eight years from the foundation of the University onwards shall be assigned to the host University. The next Chancellors shall be appointed by the proposals of the member states and the agreement of the Board of Trustees. More specific conditions for the appointment of the Chancellor shall be determined by the Board of Trustees.

B. Functions and Powers of the Chancellor

The Chancellor shall:

- 1) Propose annual budget, agendas, policies, and strategic plans to be considered by the Board of Trustees;
- 2) execute the strategic plans and policies adopted by the Board of Trustees;
- 3) Exercise close and regular supervision to ensure proper and flawless execution of all plans of the University;
- 4) Nominate and appoint vice-chancellors, members of the University Councils, deans of the faculties, as well as heads of the departments;
- 5) Prepare financial, executive, and academic reports for the Board of Trustees;



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- 6) Propose the establishment of new academic majors as well as develop the strategic educational and research plans of the University and all its affiliated centers or institutions in consultation with the International Scientific Council to be submitted to the Board of Trustees;
- 7) Sign all contracts and documents as the legal representative of the University and claim the rights and interests of the University;
- 8) Propose amendments to the organizational or legal structure of the University to be considered by the Board of Trustees; and
- 9) Receive volunteer donations, gifts, or charity aids from governments, international organizations and associations, as well as international non-governmental organizations and foundations in the interest of the University.

Article 9

The Board of Directors

The Board of the Directors shall be composed of the Chancellor and the Vice-chancellors and shall be intended to facilitate the affairs of the University as well as assist the Chancellor with his/her responsibilities.

The Board of Directors shall:



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- 1) Perform the tasks assigned by the Chancellor concerning agendas, reports, annual budget, as well as strategic plans and policies of the University;
- 2) Propose the establishment of new majors or short-term programs, identify and determine research fields, confirm the completion of research projects, advance cooperation and exchange programs, and plan scientific events in consultation with the International Scientific Council;
- 3) Propose the amount of tuition and also student admissions to be considered by the Chancellor and submitted to and adopted by the Board of Trustees;
- 4) Perform the specific tasks assigned by the Board of Trustees;
- 5) Implement the agendas and developmental plans of the University, improve student exchanges, and execute scientific plans;
- 6) Examine, on an annual basis, the scientific facilities of the University, both in terms of human resources and equipment, determine and categorize shortages and needs, and take measures to fulfill these needs;
- 7) Draft and propose the organizational structure of the University to be submitted to the Board of Trustees and adopt internal regulations;
- 8) Propose necessary executive regulations to be submitted to the Board of Trustees via the Chancellor.
- 9) The Board of Directors may establish the International Scientific Council. The manner of selection of its members and their tasks will be adopted by the Board of Trustees.



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Article 10

The University Council

In order to execute the decisions and regulations of the Board of Trustees as well as perform other educational, scientific, cultural, student, and supply-related activities, a council called the University Council shall be established with the following members:

- **The Chancellor of the University as the Head of the University Council;**
- **Vice-chancellors; and**
- **Deans of the Faculties**

Article 11

Admission of Students

- 1) The University shall focus on admitting students from the member states.
- 2) Student admission shall be done by paying tuition, free of tuition and accompanied by scholarships granted by the host country and the member states.

Note: Admission of students from nonmember states will be allowed without prejudice to the objectives and missions mentioned in this statute.



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Article 12

Strengthening the Status and Facilitating the University's Activities

- 1) Member states shall be obliged to contribute to the improvement of the international status of the University in the international academic community, especially its own academic community, by assessing their educational degrees and academic certificates through corresponding authorities.
- 2) Member states shall be obliged to contribute to the international cooperation of the University, especially with their own academic and scientific institutions.
- 3) The host country and the member states of the D-8 Organization shall be obliged to take all necessary measures to facilitate the administrative affairs of the University, notably issuing visas, travelling and accommodation for students, professors, university authorities, as well as currency exchanges of the University.

Article 13

Financial Resources

The Founding University will supply the funds necessary for the establishment and continuation of D-8 University with the support of the Ministry of Science, Research and Technology of the Islamic Republic of Iran as the host. After a period of 4 to 8 years, the International Board of Trustees of University will make decisions on the share of member states from the costs of the administrative affairs



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of the University. Financial resources of the university are provided from the following sources:

- (A) Funds financed through the founding University;
- (B) Special financial assistance of the Ministry of Science, Research and Technology of the Islamic Republic of Iran;
- (C) Contribution of member states;
- (D) Student tuition, revenue from short courses and holding scientific projects and events;
- (E) Assistance of the D-8 secretariat, other organizations and international bodies, public and private donors, grants and other sources, with the adoption of the Board of Trustees.

Note: All the above-mentioned items in Article 13 shall be implemented in accordance with the financial regulations adopted by the Board of Trustees.

Article 14

Entry into Force of the Statute

Having been adopted by the Board of Trustees, and communicated with the D-8 Organization, this statute enters into force.



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Amendments

Any amendment to this Statute shall be conducted only through the Board of Trustees and by the proposal of the Chancellor or the official members of the Board of Trustees.