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- The Developing Eight Organization for Economic Cooperation (hereinafter referred to as “D-8”), an international organization whose address is at Darüşşafaka Caddesi Seba Center, No: 45, Kat: 3, Istinye 34460, Sarıyer - Istanbul/Turkey and shall include its lawful representatives and permitted assigns;
- The Islamic World Science & Technology Monitoring and Citation Institute (hereinafter referred to as “ISC”), an Institute of higher education established by the Ministry of Science, Research, and Technology of I. R. of Iran and approved by *the Islamic Conference of the Ministers of Higher Education and Scientific Research (ICMHESR)* held by ISESCO in 2008 in Baku, capital of the Republic of Azerbaijan, whose address is at Islamic World Science & Technology Monitoring and Citation Institute (ISC), Jam-e-Jam Ave, Jomhuri Eslami Blvd., Shiraz, Islamic Republic of Iran and shall include its lawful representatives and permitted assigns;
- Hereafter referred singularly as “the Party” and collectively as “the Parties”.



WHEREAS

- A. The D-8 is an international organization for economic and development cooperation among the People's Republic of Bangladesh, the Arab Republic of Egypt, the Republic of Indonesia, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Malaysia, the Federal Republic of Nigeria, the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, and the Republic of Türkiye. The establishment of D-8 was announced officially through the Istanbul Declaration of Summit of Heads of States/Governments on June 15, 1997. The D-8's objectives are to improve Member States' position in the global economy; diversify and create new opportunities in trade relations; enhance participation in decision-making at the international level and improve standards of living.
- B. The ISC is an established Institute of higher education and the Islamic World's leading source of scholarly research data, which compiles, analyzes, and shares high-quality, multidisciplinary scientific information. ISC's major commission is to assess the research performance of scientists, universities, institutions, and scientific journals of the Islamic countries and to provide necessary grounds for enhancing the quality of research and establishing an efficient scientific network in the Islamic World.

Being mindful of the MoU between the Parties signed in Shiraz, Iran, on 4 July 2013 and renewed through the MoU signed in Istanbul, Türkiye on 31 July 2018, the Parties are desirous of entering into this Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to declare their respective intentions and to establish a basis of cooperation and collaboration between the Parties upon the terms as contained herein.



Article 1

Both Parties agree to work closely to promote cooperation among D-8 countries in the fields of scientometrics, technology, innovation, and other areas of mutual interest.

Article 2

Both Parties agree to cooperate in developing the growth of science in the D-8 countries by ensuring optimum cooperation among scientists in the member states and facilitating the production of effective policies in the field of science, technology, and innovation in the D-8 Member States.

Article 3

Both Parties agree to cooperate to enable the D-8 Member States to benefit from ISC's 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 strengths and weaknesses of scientific and technological efforts of the D-8 Member States.

Article 4

Both Parties agree to cooperate closely to hold joint workshops on ISC's services, among others, Journal indexing system, university ranking, and digital object identifier, for the D-8 Member States with the objective to enhance the status of the D-8 universities, journals, and other relevant academic endeavor at the global scale.

Article 5

Both Parties agree to facilitate communication and accelerate the circulation of news on joint activities among the D-8 countries through appropriate channels.



Article 6

Both Parties agree to discuss and provide grounds to explore the possibility of facilitating financial provision between the Parties, subject to mutual agreement in each case and within the limit of their resources, for the approved research projects, joint workshops, and seminars for the D-8.

Article 7

Both parties agree to cooperate to extend ISC's Needs and Ideas Platform to the D-8 region.

Article 8

Both Parties agree to cooperate in introducing representatives of the D-8 Member States to ISC. These representatives will act as contact persons and will bridge ISC and each D-8 Member State's higher education system.

Article 9

Both Parties agree to cooperate in providing the D-8 affiliate bodies, universities, and higher education institutions– throughout the D-8 Member States with IP-based access to ISC's full-text scientific information databases.

Article 10

Both Parties agree to continue their cooperation on the introduction, approval, and completion of research projects related to different areas of mutual interest, including, among others on the D-8 university ranking, the database of outstanding researchers and scholars of the D-8 zone, ISC's Needs and Ideas Platform.



Article 11

Both Parties agree to convene annually, either in Shiraz, Istanbul, or through a virtual channel, such as a video conference, to review the works completed, discuss possible obstacles, and plan for future priorities.

Article 12

Both Parties agree to provide awards to the best-performing universities or other higher education institutions from the D-8 Member States resulting from the ISC's annual ranking mechanism and agree to work on developing the modalities and criteria for the award.

Article 13

Any communication under this Memorandum of Understanding will be in writing in the English language and delivered by registered mail to the address or sent to the electronic mail address or facsimile number of the D-8 and the ISC as the case may be, shown below or to such other address or electronic mail address of facsimile as either Party may have notified the sender and shall, unless otherwise provided herein, stated herewith as:

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The foregoing record represents the understandings reached between the Parties on the matters referred to therein.

Article 14

The present MoU shall enter into force on the date of its signing by both Secretary-General of the D-8 and the President of the ISC and shall remain in force for five years, after which it would automatically be extended for another five-year period unless or until it is terminated by mutual consent or by one Party giving six months written notice of the intended termination to the other Party.

The present MoU shall replace the MoU signed in Shiraz, Iran, on 4 July 2013 and its renewal MoU, signed in Istanbul, Türkiye, on 31 July 2018.

The present MoU may be amended by mutual consent. The amendment may be proposed by one Party, which shall be communicated in writing through the channel mentioned above for the other Party's consideration and subsequent approval.

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



Signed at ...*Istanbul*... on this ...*13th*..... day of ...*February*... in the year ...*2023*....

For and on behalf of the Developing Eight
Organization for Economic Cooperation



Ambassador Isiaka Abdulqadir Imam
Secretary-General

For and on behalf of the Islamic World
Science and Technology Monitoring and
Citation Institute



Prof. Dr. Seyed Ahmad Fazelzadeh
President