

#### MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

#### **BETWEEN**

#### TASHKENT STATE UNIVERSITY OF LAW

(Republic of Uzbekistan)

#### AND

#### THE CENTRE OF ISLAMIC AND MIDDLE EASTERN LAW SOAS UNIVERSITY OF LONDON

(United Kingdom)

This Memorandum is made and entered into as of this 13th day of August, by and between Tashkent State University of Law and the Centre of Islamic and Middle Eastern Law, SOAS University of London.

WHEREAS, The Tashkent State University of Law ("TSUL") and the Centre of Islamic and Middle Eastern Law ("CIMEL") acknowledge their strong mutual friendship and existing collaboration; and

WHEREAS, TSUL and CIMEL (hereinafter known individually as a "Party" and collectively as the "Parties") desire to enrich their respective educational and research programs and to strengthen and expand the mutual contacts between both Parties;

NOW THEREFORE, in order to promote cooperation and exchange in education and research, the Parties hereby agree to the following:

# Article 1. Spheres of cooperation

The Parties will endeavor to promote the following types of collaboration:

- 1. Faculty exchange programs for teaching and research
- 2. Joint research projects and publications

- 3. Joint conferences, workshops, and seminars
- 4. Collaboration on grant proposals and funding applications
- 5. Joint use of research facilities and equipment
- 6. Cultural and educational events and activities
- 7. Other activities mutually agreed by the two institutions

# Article 2. Activities under this Memorandum of Understanding

Activities taking place under this Memorandum of Understanding ("MOU") will be initiated primarily by academic units within each Party, and in coordination with their respective administrative units concerned with international activities. All activities undertaken must conform to the policies and procedures in place at each Party. Teaching beyond occasional lectures must be approved by the appropriate units within each Party.

## Article 3. Main Activities

TSUL are going to send professors for exchange experience in teaching methods, to compare curriculum and syllabuses, and working on QAA standards and their implementation at TSUL.

TSUL are going to invite professors to conduct lectures and seminars at TSUL from two weeks and until one semester, covering the costs by TSUL and international funds and grants.

Partner University will provide information about professor interested to visit TSUL and assist in organization of their visits.

Partner University will provide information about LLM and PhD programs for graduates of TSUL and research programs for professors and researchers of TSUL.

# Article 4. Planning and Management of Activities

Each distinct collaboration activity or specific activities will result from this Memorandum of Understanding will require separate legally binding agreements. Both parties understand that all financial arrangements will have to be negotiated and will depend on the availability of funds.

## Article 5. Informing on Activities

Parties in a timely manner, through the appointed responsible persons, notify about events, training opportunities, scholarships and grants, possibilities of joint participation in research programs, send invitations and ensure systematic and constant interaction for the period of validity of this MoU.

## Article 6. Funding of Activities

Collaborating units are encouraged to work together to identify and secure outside funding as needed. Financial arrangements and obligations for each activity shall be stipulated in separate agreements or discussed and agreed prior to the initiation of any such activity.

## Article 7. Nondiscrimination

Both Parties are committed to the policy that, subject to applicable laws, statutes, codes, or guidelines, all persons shall have equal access to programs, facilities, admission, and employment without regard to personal characteristics not related to ability, performance, or qualifications as determined by the respective policies of TSUL and CIMEL, or by government authorities. Neither Party discriminates against any person on the basis of that person's age, race, color, ancestry, national origin, religion, creed, service in uniformed services, veteran status, sex, sexual orientation, marital or family status, pregnancy, pregnancy-related conditions, physical or mental disability, gender, perceived gender, gender identity, genetic information or political ideas. Both Parties shall abide by these principles in the administration of this MOU, and neither Party shall impose criteria on any scholars, faculty, students or staff which would violate these principles of nondiscrimination. Nothing herein shall be deemed to create any obligation for either Party to violate any applicable law, statute, code or guideline in order to provide such access.

# Article 8. Intellectual Property Rights

This MOU does not cover the cooperation related to generation of

intellectual property, but covers research and academic cooperation in this sphere. Any intellectual property generated shall be covered under a separate agreement.

### Article 9. Use of Name, Logo, and Mark

Neither Party may use the name, logo, or mark of the other in any promotional or advertising material (including but not limited to website postings, public announcements and program brochures) without the prior written consent of the other Party pursuant to each Party's policies.

### Article 10. Evaluation of Collaboration

All specific programs or projects undertaken pursuant to this MOU will be subject to mutual periodic evaluation by each Party's appropriate stakeholders.

# Article 11. Dispute Resolution

Any disputes which can occur between Parties during realization or understanding of this MOU will be solved through negotiations. This agreement is not legally binding.

# Article 12. Amendments and changes

Amendments and additions which are considered as an integral part of this MOU can be made by agreement of both Parties.

#### Article 13.

This Memorandum becomes effective from the date of the signatures below and will be in existence for a period of 5 years, unless one party gives notice six months in advance that it wishes to amend or terminate the agreement, in other case it will be deemed for next five years.

For this purpose, the responsible parties will be the Director of CIMEL, Dr. Jonathan Ercanbrack and the Acting Rector of Tashkent State University of Law Prof. Dr. Islambek Rustambekov.

The Memorandum places no financial or legal obligations on either of the parties, nor does it create any legal relationship between them.

The MOU is signed in London, United Kingdom on the 12th day of June, 2024 in two originals of this MOU in English and Uzbek languages, both of them are authentic and the main is English.

#### **CENTRE OF ISLAMIC AND** MIDDLE EASTERN LAW, SOAS UNIVERSITY OF LONDON

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