

# **Memorandum of Understanding**

**Between**

**The Law Faculty, Chongqing University, China**

**And**

**The Law Faculty, University of Antwerp, Belgium**

The Law Faculty, Chongqing University, China and the Law Faculty of the University of Antwerp, Belgium, recognizing the value of international educational cooperation, declare their intention to engage in academic and educational exchange through the following activities:

## **1. STAFF EXCHANGE**

Visits by academic staff members will be encouraged for the mutual benefit of both parties. Suitable arrangements will be made for the exchange of visiting scholars for collaboration in teaching and research:

1. All expenses of salary, insurances, travel and living and allied costs will be the responsibility's of the visiting scholar's home University;
2. The host University will provide the normal services for visiting scholars including library and other facilities;
3. The host University will assist, as far as possible, in arranging accommodation for the visiting scholar and in matters of immigration, residence permits or authorization for temporary stay, healthcare, language and local custom;
4. The foregoing principles can be set aside, and other arrangements can be agreed upon, in cases such as guest lectureships, joint Ph.D supervision, exchanges of Staff between the two Law Schools on a reciprocal basis, or institutional contributions to each party's curriculum (e.g. in the context of LLM programs).

## **2. JOINT RESEARCH**

The two parties will actively seek opportunities to engage in joint research, at the institutional level (between the two parties, or between research groups affiliated to the parties) and at the level of individual researchers. The costs and conditions of such agreements will be negotiated individually. The International Centre for Law and Human Rights, which will be established in Chongqing University, will be the institution for the joint research in areas including international economic law, public law and human rights. The two parties will promote the establishment of this Centre for the purpose of researching with other foreign institutions. The deans of the two parties will be the contact person for the cooperation. The two parties will appoint staff members for the advisory board of the Centre.

To facilitate academic and cultural interchange, the exchange of research materials, publications and information will be encouraged. Each party will invite the other, when appropriate, to participate in conferences, symposia and short visits.

## **3. STUDENT PROGRAMMES**

A student program may include student visits and exchanges, joint supervision of postgraduate students, and the provision of library access and academic assistance for doctoral research students. Such activities shall be negotiated and agreed to by the parties on a case-by-case basis.

#### 4. FUNDRAISING

The parties agree to seek funding for joint activities from sources available to them, including external funding from respective national governments and international organizations.

#### 5. TERMS OF COOPERATION

The terms of cooperation for each specific activity implemented under this Memorandum of Agreement shall be mutually discussed. Any such agreement entered into will form an Appendix to this Memorandum of Understanding.

#### 6. CO-ORDINATION OF THE EXCHANGE

Each party shall designate a Liaison Officer to develop and co-ordinate the specific activities agreed upon. Through these offices, either party may initiate additional proposals for activities.

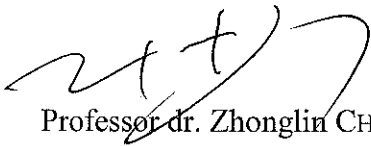
#### 7. RENEWAL, TERMINATION AND AMENDMENT

This Agreement will commence on the date of signature and will continue in effect for 3 years. After this initial 3-year period, the Agreement may be extended for further 5-year periods where both parties provide prior written consent.

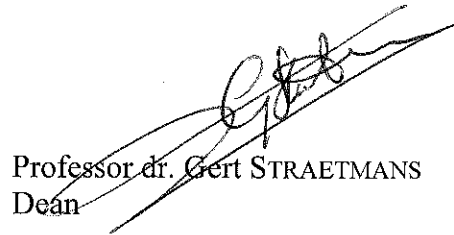
For this purpose, the responsible parties will be the Dean of the Law Faculty, Chongqing University, China and the Dean of the Law Faculty of the University of Antwerp.

For the Law Faculty, Chongqing University,  
China

For the Law Faculty, University of Antwerp



Professor dr. Zhonglin CHEN  
Dean



Professor dr. Gert STRAETMANS  
Dean

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