



Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste
Ministry of Economy and Development
Minister of Economy and Development

Dili, 03 August 2011

NOTE VERBALE

The Government of Timor-Leste presents its compliments to the EUCLID Secretary-General and wishes to communicate the following:

Following the signature of the EUCLID Instrument of Participation and Approval (17-05-2011), the proper department of the Ministry of Education has completed its academic review and validation of the EUCLID programs, with the result that no requests for modifications or improvements are presented by the Ministry. Therefore, point (3) of the said Instrument is now fully settled for EUCLID's academic programs, this Note Verbale serving as confirmation Protocol. On this basis, there is therefore no remaining applicable declaration or reservation on the part of the Government of Timor-Leste for the Article V registration and full application of all the provisions of this instrument of participation by EUCLID, and the enrollment process for qualified applicants can begin at once.

The Government of Timor-Leste takes this opportunity to renew the assurances of its sincere consideration.



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INSTRUMENT OF PARTICIPATION AND
APPROVAL
GOVERNMENT OF TIMOR-LESTE

EUCLID

WHEREAS the instruments “OPEN MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) BETWEEN THE PARTICIPATING EUCLID PARTIES REGARDING THEIR PARTICIPATION IN THE EDUCATIONAL FRAMEWORK DEFINED HEREIN” and “UPDATED FRAMEWORK AGREEMENT REGARDING THE PARTIES’ PARTICIPATION IN EUCLID AS CONSTITUTED AND DEFINED HEREIN” (which are governed by international law) have already been approved by several states between 2008 and 2010,

AND WHEREAS the said agreements have been signed on behalf of the Government of Timor-Leste on this day so as to initiate the Participation of Timor-Leste in the EUCLID framework, EUCLID being an international intergovernmental organization,

NOW THEREFORE I, the Minister of Education under its organic law, declare that the Government of Timor-Leste, having considered the above-mentioned agreements, approves the same, having taken note of the rights and obligations therein contained.

Furthermore, we hereby confirm that: Dr. Edmundo Viegas is hereby appointed as National Point of Contact to coordinate the program and validate admissions, and also that (1) EUCLID, as an international organization, is authorized to appoint a legal representative in Timor Leste to assist with the coordination of these activities, (2) Timor-Leste has an adequate system of postsecondary approval system meeting accepted international standards, which applies to these programs, (3) **subject to the future issuance of a related protocol listing the programs that will have been reviewed and approved by the Ministry of Education**, the degrees issued by EUCLID upon completion of the required coursework will be legally valid for use within Timor-Leste by the graduates.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I, duly authorized thereto under Timor-Leste’s organic law, have signed this instrument of participation and approval at Dili on 17-5-2011

Signature:

João Câncio Freitas, PhD

Minister of Education



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CONSIDERANDO o “MEMORANDO DE ENTENDIMENTO (MDE) ENTRE AS PARTES PARTICIPANTES NO ACORDO QUADRO EUCLID AQUI DEFENIDO e ACTUALIZADO PELO ACORDO QUADRO RELATIVO ÀS PARTES PARTICIPANTES AQUI DEFINIDO, (que se rege pelo direito internacional) e aprovado por diversos estados entre 2008 e 2010,

CONSIDERANDO que os referidos acordos foram assinados em nome do Governo de Timor-Leste neste dia de modo a iniciar a participação de Timor-Leste no Acordo Quadro EUCLID, sendo a EUCLID uma Organização Intergovernamental Internacional.

POR ISSO eu, o Ministro da Educação ao abrigo da respectiva lei orgânica, declaro que o Governo de Timor-Leste tendo considerado os supra citados acordos e ciente dos direitos e obrigações nele contidos procedeu à sua aprovação.

Para além disso, é pelo presente indicado: Dr. Edmundo Viegas como Ponto Focal de Contacto para a coordenação do programa e validação das admissões, que (1) A EUCLID, como organização internacional é autorizada a indicar um representante legal em Timor-Leste para auxiliar a coordenação destas actividades, que (2) Timor-Leste tem um sistema adequado de ensino pós-secundário, de acordo com os padrões internacionalmente aceites, requerido para estes programas e que (3) **sujeito à celebração futura de um protocolo indicativo dos programas que serão revistos e aprovados pelo Ministério da Educação**, os diplomas conferidos pela EUCLID, depois de efectuado o requerido processo de acreditação, serão legalmente reconhecidos em Timor-Leste.

EM FÉ DOS QUE, eu, devidamente autorizado pela respectiva lei orgânica em vigor em Timor-Leste, assino e aprovo o presente documento de participação em Díli, a

17-5-2011.

Assinatura:

João Cândio Freitas, PhD

Ministro da Educação

OPEN MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) BETWEEN THE PARTICIPATING EUCLID PARTIES REGARDING THEIR PARTICIPATION IN THE EDUCATIONAL FRAMEWORK DEFINED HEREIN

The Participating Parties,

Building on various Euclid-related agreements signed in 2005, 2006 and 2007;

Seeking to promote the Sustainable Development of their nations, especially by promoting accessibility to higher education for special service groups such as Women, eligible government officials and staff, as well as for the general public;

Have agreed as follows:

Article I

The Parties are participating in EUCLID (also properly called Pôle Universitaire Euclide and Euclid University) which has legal personality, not-for-profit status, and such capacities as may be necessary to exercise its functions and fulfill its objectives.

In order to ensure the international usefulness of the programs offered, EUCLID is chartered to confer diplomas, degrees and completion certificates accredited by the ministries of Education of the Participating Parties. EUCLID, a member of the Euclid University Consortium, receives the mandate to facilitate universal access to higher education and to foster the acquisition of knowledge and competencies under the supervision of the ministries of Education and Foreign Affairs of the Participating Parties.

Article II

The Participating Parties shall not be required to provide financial support to EUCLID beyond voluntary contributions, nor shall they be responsible, individually or collectively, for any debts, liabilities or obligations of the institution.

Article III

EUCLID's operations are regulated by its statutes which are posted officially at www.euclidconsortium.org/statutes.pdf

Article IV

Any State or intergovernmental organization may at any time notify the EUCLID Executive President of its request to participate in the organization. If the request is approved, participation will become effective 15 days after the date of deposit of the proper instrument.

Article V

This MOU can be changed or added to by mutual agreement of the Parties, the EUCLID Executive President acting as depository of all revisions.

Article VI

This multilateral and open MOU takes effect on the date of signing and continues for each Party until it declares its intent to terminate its participation by providing to the EUCLID Executive President a written notification no less than six months prior to the termination of its participation.

Should this MOU be terminated for any reason in accordance with the procedures outlined above, the Parties can continue with any activity initiated before the termination of this Memorandum.

DONE at May, 17th of 2011 in duplicate, in the English and Portuguese language (both texts having equal force).

UPDATED FRAMEWORK AGREEMENT REGARDING THE PARTIES' PARTICIPATION IN EUCLID AS CONSTITUTED AND DEFINED HEREIN

The Participating Parties,

Building on the results of various agreements signed between 2005 and 2008;

Seeking to promote the Sustainable Development of their nations, especially by promoting accessibility to higher education for special service groups such as women, eligible government officials and staff, as well as for the general public;

Have agreed as follows:

Article I

The Parties are and shall continue to participate in EUCLID (Euclid University) (also properly called Pôle Universitaire Euclide) which already has and shall continue to have international legal personality, not-for-profit status, and such capacities as may be necessary to exercise its functions and fulfill its objectives. EUCLID (Euclid University) already is and shall continue to be eligible for intellectual property protection by the World Intellectual Property Organization under Article 6ter of the Paris Convention.

In order to ensure the international usefulness of the programs offered, EUCLID already is and shall continue to be chartered to confer diplomas, degrees and completion certificates accredited by the ministries of education of the Participating Parties. EUCLID, a member of the Euclid Consortium, receives the ongoing mandate to facilitate universal access to higher education and to foster the acquisition of knowledge and competencies under the supervision of the ministries of Education and Foreign Affairs of the Participating Parties.

Article II

The Participating Parties shall not be required to provide financial support to EUCLID beyond voluntary contributions, nor shall they be responsible, individually or collectively, for any debts, liabilities or obligations of the institution.

Article III

EUCLID's operations are and shall continue to be regulated by its statutes (considered as Annex) which are posted officially at www.euclid.int/statutes.pdf

Article IV

Any State or eligible entity may at any time notify the EUCLID Secretary General (formerly also designated as Executive President) of its request to participate in the organization. If the request is approved, participation shall become effective 15 days after the date of deposit of the proper instrument.

Article V

This framework agreement can be modified by mutual agreement of the Parties, the EUCLID Secretary General acting as depositary for Article 102 registration with the UN Secretariat General.

Article VI

This multilateral and open memorandum renews and updates the previous agreement already approved by 8 Participating Parties and it shall enter into force on the date of signature by two Parties. It shall continue for each Party until it declares its intent to terminate its participation by providing to the Secretary General a written notification no less than six months prior to the termination of its participation.

Should this agreement be terminated for any reason in accordance with the procedures outlined above, the Parties can continue with any activity initiated before its termination.

DONE at May, 17th of 2011 in duplicate, in the English and Portuguese language (both texts having equal force).