

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING ON MUTUAL
COOPERATION BETWEEN
THE RIO BRANCO INSTITUTE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF
THE FEDERATIVE REPUBLIC OF BRAZIL,
THE DIPLOMATIC ACADEMY OF THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF
THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION,
THE FOREIGN SERVICE INSTITUTE OF MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS OF
THE REPUBLIC OF INDIA,
THE CHINA FOREIGN AFFAIRS UNIVERSITY AND THE CHINA DIPLOMATIC
ACADEMY OF THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE PEOPLE'S
REPUBLIC OF CHINA AND
THE DIPLOMATIC ACADEMY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF INTERNATIONAL
RELATIONS AND COOPERATION OF THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA**

The Rio Branco Institute of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Federative Republic of Brazil,

The Diplomatic Academy of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation,

The Foreign Service Institute of Ministry of External Affairs of the Republic of India,

The China Foreign Affairs University and the China Diplomatic Academy of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the People's Republic of China, and

The Diplomatic Academy of the Department of International Relations and Cooperation of South Africa (hereinafter referred to as the "Participants"),

RECOGNISING the spirit of cooperation that exists among their respective countries;

TAKING into consideration the importance of enhancing cooperation through the execution of multilateral activities among the Participants;

DESIRING to promote closer collaboration among the Participants;

And WISHING to further enhance cooperation among the Participants and develop mutually beneficial relationships between members of the BRICS countries through the exchange of information and the implementation of joint activities;

Have reached the following understanding:

CLAUSE I

1. The objective of the present Memorandum of Understanding is to create a framework for closer cooperation among the Participants and to facilitate collaboration among them to the fulfilment of the following objectives:

- a) To carry out joint programmes and projects that may contribute to improving the quality of training and retraining, studies and projects serving the agreed common objectives, priorities and activities of the BRICS countries;
- b) To increase the exchange of knowledge, experiences and achievements in application of new teaching methods among the BRICS countries; and
- c) To ensure and achieve high-quality education and qualification in diplomatic training.

CLAUSE II

The Participants will cooperate in areas of mutual interests, which *inter alia* may include exchange of information on structure and content of training programmes, international trends and advances in training, training techniques and the use of technology in training, including design and content of e-learning; as well as identification of experts and joint research in mutually agreed areas.

CLAUSE III

The Participants will exchange experience, information and publications on subjects of common interest, including training programmes, curricula of studies, and other academic, educational and training activities undertaken by the Participants in the field of diplomacy and other activities of common interest.

CLAUSE IV

The Participants will promote the exchange of experts, scholars, lecturers and diplomatic trainees in fields of mutual interest.

CLAUSE V

The Participants will encourage coordinated research, joint studies and seminars on the subjects of mutual interest.

CLAUSE VI

The Participants may explore the possibilities of other forms of cooperation which can be mutually beneficial and are mutually agreed upon.

CLAUSE VII

1. The Participants will decide the specifics and logistics of every project they jointly undertake.
2. For this purpose, a protocol laying down the terms and conditions of the proposed exchanges will be concluded, if necessary.

3. Any dispute between the Participants concerning the interpretation and/or implementation of this Memorandum shall be settled amicably through consultations and negotiations.

CLAUSE VIII

1. This Memorandum will come into effect on the date of its signature and will continue to have effect for a period of three years, thereafter automatically renewed for similar three year periods at a time, unless terminated by any of the Participants by giving a written notice to other Participants.

2. Any of the Participants may, at any time, notify the other, through diplomatic channels, of its intention to terminate the present Memorandum of Understanding. Termination will be effective ninety (90) days after the date of the notification and will not affect the ongoing projects, unless otherwise agreed upon by the Participants.

3. The Memorandum of Understanding may be amended at any time, by mutual consent of the Participants, through diplomatic channels. Such revisions or amendments shall enter into force on such date as may be determined by the Participants and shall form an integral part of this Memorandum.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned, have signed this Memorandum of Understanding at Goa on the 16th day of October 2016, in five originals in the English language.