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2015-2017 WORK PLAN IN EDUCATIONAL TRAINING AND RESEARCH

Based on the Work Plan for 2008 - 2010, signed by the Australian Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations, and the Ministry of Education of Colombia in Bogota on August 12, 2008; under the auspices of the Memorandum of Understanding on Cooperation in the field of Education and Training between the Government of Australia and the Government of Colombia, valid until February 18, 2019, the Department of Education and Training of Australia and the Ministry of Education of Colombia agree to cooperate in five priority areas:

- I. Government to Government
- II. Higher education
- III. Research
- IV. Education and professional training
- V. Language Teaching

I. Government to Government

1. To promote and support cooperation in education, including research institutions, government agencies and other organisations acting in the areas of education, research and vocational training.
2. To exchange experience and best practices in quality assurance, qualifications framework and credit transfer.
3. To exchange of experience and best practices for internationalisation of education.
4. To promote and support bilateral visits, seminars and workshops to maximise opportunities for cooperation in the fields of education, research and vocational training.

First Action - The Department of Education and Training will send to Colombia in 2015, an expert in the Australian Qualifications Framework to share experience with the Ministry of Education of Colombia, encouraging their development and adoption in the country.

Second Action - The Department of Education and Training will invite a representative of the Ministry of Education of Colombia to attend the Conference on Higher Education hosted by Universities Australia in March 2016 in Canberra.

II. Higher Education

5. To conduct political dialogue and ongoing information exchange to facilitate student, academic and institutional mobility.
6. Information Exchange on standards, accreditation systems and nomenclature of educational grants.

Third Action - Each Party shall actively promote scholarship programs and mobility addressed to students, researchers and academics from the other Party.

Fourth Action - The Department of Education and Training will receive in Canberra,



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representatives of the Ministry of Education of Colombia, in August 2015, to study the Australian experience in qualifications recognition and international qualifications assessment. The visit will last two weeks and all costs related to this mission while in Australia, will be covered by the Department of Education and Training.

III. Research

7. To conduct policy dialogue and ongoing information exchange on scientific research, aiming to increase joint research collaborations, mobility of researchers and strategic partnerships.

Fifth Action - The Department of Education and Training will support a delegation of renowned Australian researchers to Colombia, in 2016, to develop with their Colombian counterparts, a mutual priority area.

IV. Education and Training

8. To conduct policy dialogue and ongoing information exchange on education and training, particularly in professional development and regarding industry commitment in the areas of information technology, tourism, mining and agriculture.

9. To perform policy dialogue and ongoing information exchange to facilitate student, academic and institutional mobility.

Sixth Action - In 2015, the Australian Department of Education and Training will receive a Colombian delegation to study the Vocational Education and Training system in Australia. The areas to be covered may include, but will not be limited to:

- models of competency-based training
- industry involvement
- qualifications as a reference for curriculum design
- models of quality assurance
- occupational standards
- strategies and methodologies of teaching, learning and assessment.

V. Language Teaching

10. To promote and support cooperation, exchange and mobility of students, language teachers and language training providers to support and promote knowledge and understanding of English and Spanish languages.

Seventh Action - The Department of Education and Vocational Training will send to Colombia in 2016, a delegation of Australian specialists in English as a foreign language.

This work plan shall enter into force upon signature of both Parties. The Parties may amend this work plan on the basis of mutual consent through letter exchange.

This work plan may be terminated through written notice from one Party to the other. The completion of the work plan will not affect projects that are currently underway.



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Both Parties determine that the bilateral meetings will be held annually, in person or virtually, in order to monitor the progress of the work plan and to target a joint bilateral meeting to be held in 2016.

This work plan does not provide a financial commitment to either Party. The execution of initiatives related to this work plan, will take into account the availability of respective funds and sources of funding from each Party.

Two copies were signed in English and Spanish languages, both texts have equal validity to the Parties.

Signed

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Signed on the 22nd day of April, 2015 in the city of Bogotá, Colombia.