



MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

BETWEEN

ADVOCACIA-GERAL DA UNIÃO

hereinafter referred to as “AGU”, represented by the Diretora da Escola da Advocacia-Geral da União (School of the Office of the Attorney-General of the Union) JULIANA SAHIONE MAYRINK NEIVA, appointed by the Ordinance n. 1576 of 10 November 2011, published in the Official Gazette of 10 November 2011,

AND

UNIVERSITY OF BERN, SWITZERLAND WORLD TRADE INSTITUTE,

hereinafter referred to as “WTI”,
Represented by Professor Thomas Cottier, Professor of International Economic Law,
University of Bern, Switzerland
Managing Director, World Trade Institute

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1. Background

Based on the success of a tailor-made program on Dispute Settlement offered by the WTI for the AGU in 2013,

The AGU and WTI (collectively “**the Parties**”) have agreed to enter into this Memorandum of Understanding (hereafter MoU) that sets forth the terms for further cooperation over a three-year period.

2. Scope

The Parties agree to consider the establishment of partnerships of mutual interest to provide trade-related technical assistance programs to AGU Officials and other Brazilian Government Officials indicated by the AGU, in accordance with this MoU.

3. Programs Subject to cooperation

The Parties agree that the following programs will be subject to cooperation:

A. MILE Program

The Master of International Law and Economics (MILE) is the World Trade Institute’s flagship educational program. It is intended to deepen knowledge of the law, economics and political economy of international trade. It is an intensive one-year graduate degree program taught by a global faculty of approximately 50 of the world’s leading trade experts. Participants are required to attend classes, pass weekly exams, take part in a Moot Court, and write a final research paper. All work is carried out in English. The WTI will offer Brazilian Government officials selected for participation by the AGU and admitted to the program by the WTI tuition fee discounts based on the number of participants.

B. Summer Academy

The WTI’s annual Summer Academy in Bern is divided into five consecutive weekly modules, each of which covers a specific cutting-edge topic in trade governance. Typically there are five days of in-class learning (usually five hours per day), followed by an assessment. Participants receive approximately 200 pages of reading materials per week, which they are expected to master before each module begins. Brazilian Government Officials can participate in some or all of the Summer Academy’s weekly modules as determined by the AGU. The WTI also runs annually in Hong Kong, China, a two-week Academy on Trade-related Intellectual Property Law in cooperation with the Chinese University of Hong Kong.

The WTI will grant special tuition fee discounts to AGU participants for both of the above Academies.

C. Tailor-Made Courses

The WTI offers tailor-made training and technical assistance programs to a broad range of institutions on the trade-related topics of their choice. Subjects include WTO dispute settlement, subsidies and countervailing duties, antidumping, safeguards, SPS and TBT regulations, agricultural trade and food security, customs issues, trade in services, trade-related intellectual property issues, investment rule-making, regional integration, competition law and many other topics falling within the broader context of international economic law. The international faculty for tailor-made programs conducted in Brazil will consist of experts drawn from the WTI's global faculty network. The Parties have agreed that the AGU may propose experts for tailor-made programs from the WTI network, and has the authority to approve all experts proposed by the WTI for such purposes. The Parties have also agreed that the AGU has the authority to decide the subject of each of the Tailor-Made Courses that will be presented. The specific content of each Tailor-Made Course will be agreed by the Parties through specific procedures.

4. Fees and Costs

This MoU does not imply the transfer of financial resources for the Parties. The Parties have agreed that any future commitment, including tailor-made courses and the participation of Brazilian Government Officials in WTI Programs, will be agreed by the Parties through specific proceedings, according to budgetary availability.

The Parties have agreed that the costs and fees related to the Programs will be set forth in future agreements.

5. Payment Deadlines

The WTI will be flexible with respect to MILE program and the Summer Academy payment deadlines. All payments will be made before the end of any particular academic year or Summer program period in which a staff member participates.

6. Scholarship Support

Faculty members in future tailor-made programs will be asked to identify promising Brazilian officials who WTI can recommend for Swiss National Scholarships to attend the MILE program. The WTI will lend support for such scholarship applications through the Swiss

Embassy in Brasilia. Faculty members will also identify promising officials to attend future editions of the WTI Summer Academies.

7. Designations

For the purposes of this MoU, the AGU will be represented jointly by the Escola da Advocacia-Geral da União (EAGU) and the Departamento Internacional da Procuradoria-Geral da União (DPI/PGU).

The WTI will be represented by Professor Thomas Cottier, Managing Director of WTI, and after his retirement, his successor as Managing Director.

8. Entry into Force and Renewal

This MoU takes effect from the date of its signing by the representatives of both institutions. The MoU is valid for an initial period of three years. During this period, revisions and modification of the clauses may be made with the formal consent of the Parties. At the end of the initial three-year period, the terms of the MoU may be revised and renewed for another three-year period, subject to agreement by the Parties.

This MoU is signed in two copies in English and two copies in Portuguese, one of each for the Parties; all copies being equally authentic.



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