





MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) ON COLLABORATIVE RESEARCH IN EARTH SCIENCES BETWEEN

THE RESEARCH INSTITUTE FOR EARTH SCIENCES OF THE ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN,

AND

INSTITUTE OF GEOLOGICAL SCIENCES OF THE NATIONAL ACADEMY OF SCIENCES OF THE REPUBLIC OF ARMENIA AND

The UNESCO Chair on Coastal Geo-Hazard

The Research Institute for Earth Sciences of the Islamic Republic of Iran, hereinafter referred to as RIES, Institute of Geological Sciences of the National Academy of Sciences of the Republic of Armenia hereinafter referred to as IGS; and the UNESCO Chair on Coastal Geo-Hazard, hereinafter referred to as UCCGHA, hereinafter referred to collectively as the Parties,

Have reached the following understanding:

PARAGRAPH 1 - OBJECTIVE

The purpose of this MOU is to enhance the collaboration between the Parties in areas of research of common interest in Earth Sciences, especially in regional geology, active tectonics, archaeoseismology, paleo seismology, volcanology, petrology, sedimentology, geophysics, paleontology, geochemistry, and structural geology, studies of geological structures of lakes.

PARAGRAPH 2 - THE SCOPE OF WORK

The Parties decided to promote the cooperation in Earth Sciences with the following perspectives:

- a) Exchange of information and knowledge;
- b) Development of interdisciplinary research;
- c) Organizing joint research projects;







- d) Organizing joint conferences, seminars, short-term training courses and field workshops;
- e) Joint publications of research materials;
- f) Promoting other scientific co-operation as mutually agreed;
- g) Involving in scientific collaboration through International Programmes for Scientific Cooperation.

The Parties will have regular meetings to discuss possible subjects for future cooperation and to decide on the joint seminars and the implementation of cooperation on priority subjects of mutual interest to the Parties.

PARAGRAPH 3 - CONFIDENTIALITY AND INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

The Parties undertake to treat all information communicated under this MOU as strictly confidential and not to disclose the received information to third parties; this does not include publications by mutual agreement.

Each of the Parties undertakes to report promptly all results jointly obtain under this MOU to the other Party.

Unless otherwise agreed in a separate Agreement, the results jointly obtain under this MOU will be the joint ownership of the Parties in proportion of their respective contribution.

Parties will make agreement on issues such as protecting intellectual right of joint result, selection of region, cost portion of patent and introducing responsible person for protecting and using joint results.

PARAGRAPH 4 - FUNDING

This MOU is not an international agreement. Failure to comply with it does not entail any legal consequences and does not impose any financial or other obligations on the Parties. The Parties will try to cover the expenses for the implementation of this MOU within the limits of the funds of the Parties.

PARAGRAPH 5 – SETTLEMENTS OF DISPUTES







Any Dispute between the Parties concerning the interpretation and/or implementation of any provision of this MOU will be settled amicably through mutual consultation and/or negotiations between the Parties.

PARAGRAPH 6 - COMING INTO EFFECT, EFFECTIVE PERIOD AND TERMINA

This MOU will be effective for four (4) years from the date of its signature. This period will be automatically renewable for similar periods, unless the Parties decide otherwise.

This MOU may be amended only by written mutual agreement of the Parties that will come into effect on the date of its signature by the Parties. Amendments will be considered as its integral parts of this MOU.

The Parties may decide by joint agreement to terminate this MOU before its termination, upon six (6) months after receipt of the written notification by the other Party.

This MOU was signed in two original copies, each in Persian, Armenian and English languages all of which are equally valid. In case of divergence of interpretation, the English text will prevail.

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