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Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)

between

**Research Institute for Earth Sciences,
Geological Survey of Iran**

and

**Institute of Tibetan Plateau Research,
Chinese Academy of Science**

and

**State Key Laboratory of Tibetan Plateau Earth System,
Environment and Resources**

and

Lanzhou University

and

**ANSO Association of Trans-Eurasia Exchange and
Silk Road Civilization Development (ATES)**

and

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Research Institute for Earth Sciences, Geological Survey of Iran (RIES), Institute of Tibetan Plateau Research, Chinese Academy of Science (ITPCAS), State Key Laboratory of Tibetan Plateau Earth System, Environment and Resources (TPESER), Lanzhou University (LZU), The Association of Trans-Eurasia Exchange and Silk Road Civilization Development (ATES), and UNESCO Chair on Coastal Geo-Hazard Analysis (UCCGHA) (hereinafter referred to as the “Parties”).

Acknowledging the significance of academic research and technological collaboration between research institutes and international research organizations, Parties have reached the following understandings:

Paragraph1: Subject Matter of the MoU

- 1) The purpose of the MoU is to design and develop cooperation within the framework of educational-research goals in the field of geology, climate and environmental changes.
- 2) Collaborative Exploration of Geology, Ecology, Water Resources, Climate, and Environmental Change, and their influence on West Asian Civilizations. This activity focuses on a collaborative effort to investigate the interplay of ecology, water resources, climate, and environmental change, and their profound impact on civilizations in West Asia. Activities encompass joint field surveys and sampling, cooperation on international projects, the



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facilitation of scientific exchanges and visits, collaborative efforts in publishing research papers, and contributions to science popular publications.

- 3) Collaboration in performing observations of geology, ecology, meteorology, hydrology in the Islamic Republic of Iran and the West Asia.
- 4) Collaboration in expansion of international academic partnerships. Promoting the establishment of a joint Climate and Environmental Research Branch of West Asia (Iran) Center in Tehran hosted by all the Parties, which may encompass equipment for the lakes, loess, and stalagmites sampling, a laboratory for the preliminary processing of sediment samples, and some basic testing instruments.

Paragraph2: General Provisions

- 1) This MoU will be carried out in accordance with the respective laws and regulations of the Islamic Republic of Iran and the People's Republic of China within the framework of the laws and regulations of the related ministries.
- 2) In each of the above collaborative efforts involving human and fiscal resources from either Party, specific plans for each activity will be jointly developed and agreed upon before implementation. Each Party will designate focal person for coordination. The Parties will, on a regular basis, keep each other informed of and consult on matters of common interest, which in their opinion are likely to lead to mutual collaboration.



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- 3) In order to implement the specific activities envisioned in this MoU, the Parties will conclude separate written agreements, which will outline the activities agreed upon along with the responsibilities of each Party, including costs and expenses and how they are to be borne by the Parties, as well as such issues as intellectual property and data sharing.
- 4) Should any dispute arise during the course of this MoU, the Parties will seek to resolve the matter by negotiation between the Parties.
- 5) This MoU may be amended with mutual written agreement of the Parties. Amendments will be prepared in writing and will be an integral part of this MOU and will be implemented after signing by the Parties.

Paragraph3: Duration of the MoU

- 1) This MoU will remain valid for 5 years and it will be automatically renewed for further 5 year periods unless either Party gives notice to other Parties in writing of their intention to terminate the MoU at least three months ahead of the proposed date of termination.
- 2) This MoU is signed in five copies on 07/08/ 2024, in Tehran, in Persian and English languages. All copies are equally authentic and will come into effect upon the signature by the Parties.



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