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AGREEMENT OF COOPERATION

BETWEEN

SAINT-PETERSBURG UNIVERSITY, RUSSIAN FEDERATION

AND

ADA UNIVERSITY, REPUBLIC OF AZERBAIJAN

Article I: Overall objectives and commitments

- 1. Federal State Budgetary Educational Institution of Higher Education "Saint-Petersburg State University" (hereinafter referred to as SPbU), duly represented by its Vice-Rector for International Affairs Sergey Andryushin, acting on the basis of proxy dated 26.01.2024 №32-06-45, and the ADA University (hereinafter referred to as ADA), represented by its Vice Rector Dr. Fariz Ismailzade, acting on the basis of proxy dated 01.03.2016 N=6, hereinafter together referred to as the "Parties" and solely to as the "Party", the two institutions have agreed to the terms expressed in this AGREEMENT.
- 2. Both institutions have agreed to establish and improve academic and cultural relations to a maximum feasible extend based on the principles of mutual benefit and respect for each other's independence.
- 3. The two parties have agreed to support cooperation and to take required measures as explained in the following Articles.
- 4. Neither party shall use the other's trademarks or logos in advertising or promotional materials without first obtaining written consent from the other.

Article II: Areas of cooperation

1. The areas of cooperation shall include, inter alia:

- a) Participation in research projects
- b) Participation in conferences
- c) Participation in cultural programs
- d) Participation in joint academic programs (degree and non-degree)
- e) Participation in professional development programs and trainings
- f) Exchange and mobility of faculty/staff members
- g) Exchange of students

2. Cooperation on any of these specific areas shall be subject to prior consultation and availability of human and material resources from both sides. Each time the terms and conditions of such mutual assistance and cooperation shall be discussed and agreed upon in writing by appropriate responsible officers of the institutions prior to their implementations.

Article III: A special clause on student mobility

- 1. Both parties shall permit up to a certain number of students from the other to enroll in any available programs for a maximum period of one year. Implementation of such student exchange and mobility programs shall not necessarily be restricted with the principle of reciprocity; it shall be implemented within the availability of human and material resources at either institution in various possible forms such as *inter alia*, temporary study or teaching assignments at the partner institution. The specific terms of such exchanges and programs shall be outlined in a separate agreement.
- 2. Appropriate academic officers at student's home institution shall approve enrollment of students in such programs. Academic credits earned during such programs shall be recognized and counted towards graduation requirement of students. Academic officers at both institutions shall assess the contents of courses to be taken during such programs along with other relevant factors, and shall inform outgoing-students of the conditionality and the number of credits to be recognized in advance.

Article IV: Period of Agreement

This agreement shall be valid and effective for an initial period of five years from the date of the signature. It shall be automatically extended for additional periods of five years commencing on the day following the expiration date of the previous period unless either of the institutions gives a written notice of not extending it. Such a notice shall be issued no less than six months prior to the expiration date. This agreement may be subject to revision and modification by mutual written agreement. Either party may terminate the agreement with a prior written notice of no less than six months.

This agreement is to be produced in the English language in two copies, with one copy for each institution.

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