

## **Acuerdos Bilaterales**

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Fecha-de Ingreso: 5 de enero de 2009

Nombre de Acuerdo: Agreement between the General Secretariat of the Organization of American States through the Department of Human Development and the Florida State University for the OAS Human Development Programs

Partes: SG/OAS & Florida State University

Referencia: FSU

Fecha de Firma: 13 de noviembre de 2008

Fecha de Inicio:

Fecha de Terminación:

Lugar de Firma:

Unidad Encargada:

Persona Encargada:

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Cierre del proceso:



# Memorandum

November 24, 2008

DHD/122/08

**TO: Martha Ramos, Department of International Law**  
**FROM: Nichole Duncan, Department of Human Development**  
**SUBJECT: Agreement – Florida State University**

Please find attached the original delegation of authority and agreement between the SG/OAS through the DHD and Florida State University, signed on 11/4/08.

Please return by inter-office the receipt that I am attaching. This will help us keep in our files a record that the agreement was sent to the Department of International Law.

Thank you.



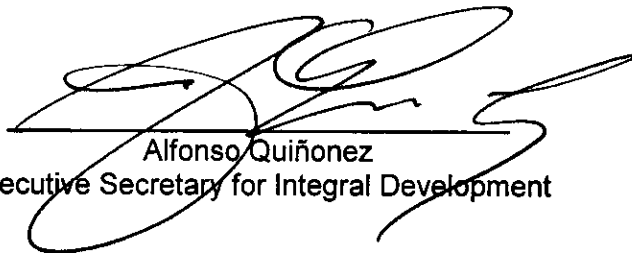
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## **DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY**

**AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE GENERAL SECRETARIAT OF THE ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN STATES, THROUGH THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN DEVELOPMENT, AND FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY FOR THE OAS HUMAN DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS**

I, Alfonso Quiñonez, Executive Secretary for Integral Development of the Organization of American States ("OAS"), hereby authorize Ms. Maria Levens, Director of the Department of Human Development, to sign the above-referenced Agreement on behalf of the General Secretariat of the OAS.

This delegation of authority expires on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of November 2008.



Alfonso Quiñonez  
Executive Secretary for Integral Development

Place: Washington DC

Date: October 21, 2008

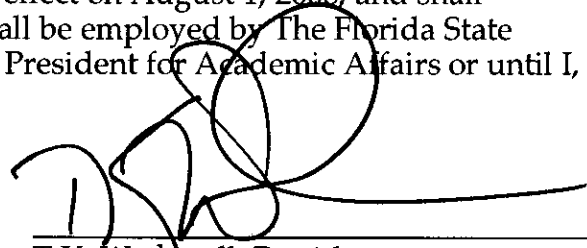


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I, T.K. Wetherell, President of the Florida State University, hereby authorize Dr. Lawrence G. Abele, Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs, to sign the above-referenced Agreement on behalf of the Florida State University.

This delegation of authority went into effect on August 1, 2008, and shall continue for as long as Lawrence G. Abele shall be employed by The Florida State University as the Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs or until I, as President, withdraw this delegation.



T.K. Wetherell, President  
The Florida State University

**AGREEMENT**  
**BETWEEN**  
**THE GENERAL SECRETARIAT OF THE**  
**ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN STATES**  
**THROUGH**  
**THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN DEVELOPMENT,**  
**AND**  
**FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY**  
**FOR**  
**THE OAS HUMAN DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS**

The Parties to this Agreement (the "Agreement"), the General Secretariat of the Organization of American States ("GS/OAS"), a public international organization, with headquarters at 1889 F Street N.W., Washington, D.C. 20006, United States, through its Department of Human Development (hereinafter referred to as "DHD"), represented by Maria Levens, Director of said Department, and Florida State University (hereinafter sometimes referred to as "University") represented by Lawrence G. Abele, Provost & Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs, who is authorized to sign this Agreement on behalf of the University,

Recognizing that the Heads of State and Government of the Americas, gathered at the Second Summit of the Americas (1998), in Santiago, decided to promote development in the region by expanding and strengthening educational opportunities;

Considering that GS/OAS is the central and permanent organ of the Organization of American States (hereinafter referred to as the "OAS") and has the authority to establish and promote relations of cooperation in accordance with Article 112.h of the OAS Charter and OAS General Assembly Resolution AG/RES. 57 (I-O/71);

Recognizing that the Secretary General of the OAS established the DHD as an entity for the promotion, coordination, administration, and facilitation of the planning and execution of Human Development Programs and activities under the Strategic Plan for Partnership for Integral Development of the Inter-American Council for Integral Development;

Considering that the OAS has established the OAS Academic Scholarship program (the "Program") to provide educational opportunities in the Americas, awarding scholarships each year for research and undergraduate and graduate studies, both attendance-based and distance education, and that the Program's coverage and impact are strengthened and augmented through alliances established through the conclusion of

agreements with internationally recognized universities that share costs, offer joint scholarships, reduce tuition costs, and wish to join the OAS consortium of universities;

Considering that the University is a public institution, founded in accordance with the provisions of the laws of the United States of America and the State of Florida, whose registered office is at 212 Westcott Bldg., Tallahassee, Florida, 32306 and whose International Center has responsibility for this Agreement.

Declaring that education is key to strengthening democratic institutions, promoting the development of human potential, equality, and mutual understanding among peoples, that it has positive impact on economic growth, education, and eradication of poverty, and that, to achieve such goals, it is essential to consolidate education of quality that is available to all;

Considering that the University is an internationally recognized academic institution that offers a variety of academic studies at the graduate level; that the University has great interest in serving an international student body through inclusion of foreign students of different nationalities; and that the University wishes to join the OAS Consortium of Universities;

Recognizing that the Parties share an interest in selecting and supporting outstanding individuals of the Americas to study at the graduate level in the master's and doctoral degree programs offered by Florida State University;

Hereby Agree as follows:

## **ARTICLE I OBJECTIVE AND SCOPE**

1.1 The purpose of this Agreement is to establish the terms and conditions for cooperation between the Parties in order to strengthen education and human development within the framework of the OAS Human Development Programs in the Americas through:

- a. Co-sponsorship of scholarship recipients<sup>1</sup> selected through the OAS Scholarship and Training Programs ("Scholarship Recipients") to study at the University;
- b. Distance learning and teaching techniques through the use of information technologies, especially for co-operative leaders and managers, low income groups, rural communities, and communities of low levels of development; and
- c. The use, promotion, and dissemination of information on the Rowe Fund Program, which offers interest-free educational loans to competent individuals of Latin America and the Caribbean to assist them in financing graduate studies, academic training courses, and research.

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<sup>1</sup> "Scholarship recipient" is an Awardee who has accepted the OAS scholarship offer.

## **ARTICLE IV PROGRAMS**

4.1 The Human Development Programs administered by DHD include the following:

- a) The OAS Academic Studies Scholarship Program: The following web-site provides detailed information on this program: <http://educogas.org/portal/en/oasbecas/about.aspx?culture=en&navid=44>
- b) Professional Development Scholarship Program: The following web-site provides detailed information on this program: <http://www.educogas.org/portal/en/oasbecas/aboutpd.aspx?culture=en&navid=282>
- c) The Educational Portal of the Americas:  
The Portal promotes human resource instruction and training in the Americas through the use of information and communication technologies. Training costs are greatly reduced through the use of such tools, which also make such instruction and training accessible to individuals in remote areas and/or of limited means. The following web-site provides detailed information on the Portal: [www.educogas.org](http://www.educogas.org)
- d) The Rowe Fund Loan Program: The following web-site provides detailed information on the Fund: <http://www.oas.org/rowe/>

4.2. The cooperation provided for under this Agreement is for the academic degrees of: master's and doctoral degrees in all academic programs offered by the Florida State University as listed on the university website: <http://fsu.edu/academics/departments.html>

## **ARTICLE V BASIC PROVISIONS GOVERNING OAS SCHOLARSHIPS AND ROWE FUND LOANS**

- 5.1. In accordance with GS/OAS provisions in force, OAS scholarships may only be awarded for a maximum of two years. Candidates selected to receive an OAS scholarship shall be entitled to all of the benefits specified in the recipient's contract with GS/OAS. Such benefits are subject to satisfactory academic progress by the OAS scholarship recipient in his/her program of studies, the recipient's continuation as a full-time student, and the availability of OAS resources.
- 5.2. OAS Academic Scholarships provide funds to cover, in whole or in part, university tuition and mandatory fees, international travel to and from the place of study, health

insurance, living expenses, the purchase of books or other study materials, and for a dissertation or for other work required for graduation, up to the maximum amount of US\$30,000 per academic year. These benefits shall vary depending on the type of scholarship awarded.

- 5.3. The maximum amount of a Rowe Fund loan that is lent to an individual is US\$15,000 to study or do research for at least one academic semester, and all studies and research for which the loan is granted need to be completed within a two year period.

## **ARTICLE VI RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE PARTIES**

- 6.1. The GS/OAS through DHD shall seek to place qualified students in the graduate degree programs, taking into account the Degree Program's budgetary allocation, the regulations adopted by the political organs of the Organization, academic demand in the scholarship cycle, and the Degree Programs' ability to offer places to students selected by the OAS.
- 6.2. The GS/OAS, through DHD shall promote the University in its outreach efforts in OAS member states.
- 6.3. The GS/OAS, through DHD shall notify each OAS scholarship recipient and Rowe Fund loan recipient at the University that he/she is subject to and is expected to comply with the University's policies, provisions, and general practices.
- 6.4. The University shall have in place and shall make available to OAS scholarship and Rowe Fund loan recipients an international student support network. The University shall provide students with support in their academic studies at the University.
- 6.5. OAS scholarship recipients are eligible to be classified as Florida residents for tuition purposes only. Pursuant to Florida Statute 1009.21, graduate students who are citizens from Latin America and the Caribbean (including Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands) who have been awarded a non-duty scholarship, from the U.S. federal government or the State of Florida government of a minimum of \$500 per academic year (Fall and Spring semesters) may be eligible to be designated as Latin American - Caribbean Scholarship recipients.

A Latin American - Caribbean Scholarship recipient will be classified as a Florida resident for tuition purposes only. LAC Scholarship recipients must be awarded an additional \$500 scholarship in order to retain Florida resident status for the summer terms. Citizens from the following countries are eligible: Antigua & Barbuda, Argentina, Aruba, Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Bolivia, Brazil, Cayman, Islands, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, French Guiana, Grenada, Guadeloupe, Guatemala, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Jamaica, Martinique, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, St. Kitts and Nevis, St.

Lucia, St. Vincent and the Grenadines, Suriname, Trinidad & Tobago, Turks & Caicos Islands, Uruguay, Venezuela, U.S. Virgin Islands.

OAS scholarship recipients who enroll in a FSU graduate degree program, maintain satisfactory standing, but have not completed their studies by the end of two years will receive a \$1000 Latin American – Caribbean Scholarship from Florida State University (academic and summer semesters combined; the maximum will be one year for a student in a master's program and two years for a student in a doctoral program) to facilitate completion of their degree. The LAC Scholarship provided by Florida State University will ensure that these students continue to be eligible to be classified as Florida residents for tuition purposes only. In addition and subject to availability students may be supported on research or teaching assistantships provided by their degree program. The intent for continued support by the university will be indicated in the offer letter at the time of acceptance into the program.

- 6.6. The University shall be responsible for immediately notifying the DHD in the event that any of the following situations occur with regard to the scholarship and loan recipients: The Recipient: (i) terminates his/her studies at the University for any reason; (ii) does not attend his/her University classes with the regularity expected by the University; (iii) is not meeting the University's academic requirements; (iv) has violated University rules and/or regulations; (v) is suffering from a prolonged illness of any kind; (vi) has been arrested for violation of local laws; (vii) has been disciplined and/or placed on probation by the University; (viii) has been expelled by the University; (ix) has died; (x) has failed to appear at the University to commence his/her studies at the University; or (xi) for any other reason, is no longer enrolled at the University.
- 6.7. At the end of each academic cycle, the University shall inform the DHD of each OAS scholarship recipient's academic progress. The University shall also review the progress of each OAS scholarship recipient after one year in the program and promptly shall inform the DHD in writing regarding the scholarship recipient's eligibility to remain in the program.
- 6.8. The University shall promote and disseminate information on the OAS Human Development Programs.
- 6.9. Access to the Library holdings and databases of the University will be provided to OAS scholarship and loan recipients who are students at the University.
- 6.10. The University shall accept the documents required by GS/OAS in the scholarship application process (the scholarship application form, curriculum vitae, transcripts, standardized test scores including the TOEFL and GRE or equivalent, copy of last degree, letters of recommendation, and essay on objectives) to evaluate and admit the Awardees<sup>2</sup> to the University as long as they are originals or certified as true and accurate copies of the originals. In addition, Florida State University requires

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<sup>2</sup> "Awardee" is a selected candidate who has been offered an OAS scholarship.

completion of the university application and judicial clearance forms, and submission of program specific information needed to meet departmental application requirements.

- 6.11. The GS/OAS, through DHD will provide Florida State University with a copy of the contract and consent agreement the student signs indicating acceptance of the OAS scholarship and adherence to the requirements for reporting and sharing of information.

## **ARTICLE VII COORDINATION AND NOTIFICATIONS**

- 7.1. The GS/OAS area with responsibility for coordinating GS/OAS activities under this Agreement is the Department of Human Development, and the Coordinator is Jeanelle van GlaanenWeygel, Senior Specialist. Notifications and communications shall be forwarded to the Coordinator at the following address, fax number, and e-mail address:

OAS General Secretariat  
Department of Human Development  
1889 F Street, N.W.  
Office 611  
Washington, D.C. 20006  
United States of America  
Tel.: (1-202) 458-3890  
Fax: (1-202) 458-3897  
E-mail: [jvanglaanenweygel@oas.org](mailto:jvanglaanenweygel@oas.org)

- 7.2. The University area with responsibility for coordinating cooperation activities under this Agreement is the International Center, and the Coordinator is Tanya Schaad, (Exchange Advisor, International Center). (Notifications and communications shall be forwarded to the Coordinator at the following address, fax number, and e-mail address:

FSU International Center  
945 Learning Way  
Tallahassee, FL 32306-4240  
Phone: (850) 644-0977  
Fax: (850) 645-2112  
Email: [tschaad@admin.fsu.edu](mailto:tschaad@admin.fsu.edu)

- 7.3. All communications and notifications arising from this Agreement shall be valid only if forwarded by post, fax, or e-mail, and addressed to the appropriate Coordinator at the address indicated for the Coordinator, above. When communications and notifications are forwarded by e-mail, they shall only be valid if sent directly from the e-mail address of the Coordinator of one of the Parties to the e-mail address of the Coordinator of the other Party.

- 7.4. Each Party may change the area of responsibility, designated Coordinator, address, telephone number, fax number, and/or e-mail address indicated herein, by notifying the other Party in writing.

## **ARTICLE VIII DISPUTE RESOLUTION**

- 8.1. The Parties shall first seek to resolve through discussions between them disputes arising between the Parties under this Agreement and any supplementary agreements pursuant hereto. Should that prove unsuccessful, then either Party may submit the dispute to final and binding arbitration in accordance with the Arbitration Rules of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law ("UNCITRAL"). The applicable law is the law of the District of Columbia; however, the arbitrators may decide as *amiable compositeur* or *ex aequo et bono*. The site of arbitration shall be Washington, D.C. Arbitration proceedings shall be conducted in English.
- 8.2. Nothing in this Agreement constitutes an express or implied waiver of the privileges and immunities of the Parties and their personnel.

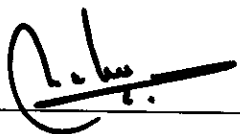
## **ARTICLE IX GENERAL PROVISIONS**

- 9.1. The Parties shall maintain the highest standards of ethics and administrative transparency in all actions and activities carried out in connection with this Agreement. In addition, GS/OAS, to the extent applicable, and without prejudice to its privileges and immunities, mentioned in Article 8.2, above, and the University shall comply with the provisions of the Inter-American Convention against Corruption and the applicable provisions of the country where the programs, projects, and/or activities are implemented, in accordance with Article 3.1. Failure to comply with the instant provision shall constitute sufficient grounds for early termination of this Agreement, in accordance with the provisions of Article 9.5, below.
- 9.2. This Agreement may only be amended by prior written agreement between the duly authorized representatives of the Parties. The instruments of amendment shall be signed and dated by the Parties, and annexed hereto.
- 9.3. This Agreement shall enter into force as of the date of signature by the authorized representatives of the Parties and shall remain in force in accordance with the provisions of Article 9.5.
- 9.4. This Agreement shall not be construed or applied in any way so as to restrict the authority of GS/OAS to modify its Human Development Programs. Should there be any change in those Programs with implications for this Agreement, the Agreement shall be amended or terminated.

9.5. This Agreement may be terminated by mutual agreement or may be terminated by either Party without cause upon no less than 30 days' prior written notice to the other Party. Such termination shall have no adverse effect upon OAS scholarship recipients and Rowe Fund loan recipients who were admitted to the University under the terms of this Agreement prior to its termination, and the University shall allow those OAS scholarship recipients and Rowe Fund loan recipients to complete their program of study under the terms of this Agreement. The termination of this Agreement shall not affect any supplementary agreements as the Parties may have signed for the implementation of programs, projects and/or activities under the provisions of Article 3.1 of this Agreement for which financing has been duly provided. Those agreements shall remain in force for the full term as specified therein, unless terminated by the Parties as permitted under those agreements.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the duly authorized representatives of the Parties have executed this Agreement on the dates and at the locations set forth below.

**FOR THE GENERAL SECRETARIAT  
OF THE ORGANIZATION OF  
AMERICAN STATES**



Maria Levens  
Director  
Department of Human Development  
Organization of American States

Date: 10/27/08



Lawrence G. Abele, Provost

**FOR THE FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY  
ACTING ON BEHALF OF THE FLORIDA STATE  
UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES, A PUBLIC  
BODY CORPORATE OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA**

Date: 11-4-08