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MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
ON EDUCATION
BETWEEN THE
GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
AND THE
GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF MEXICO

The Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Republic of Mexico, hereinafter referred to as the Parties;

Desiring to promote better understanding between the peoples of the United States of America and the Republic of Mexico, to strengthen the relationship between the two countries through education, and to improve the educational systems of each country;

Believing that the expansion of mutually beneficial cooperation and exchanges will facilitate the achievement of these aims, and

Desiring to strengthen the links already existing between the educational communities in both countries,

Have reached the following understandings:

ARTICLE I: GENERAL PRINCIPLES

The Parties intend to enhance and expand cooperative efforts in education according to the following general principles:

A. The Parties will encourage and develop cooperation and exchanges in the field of education on the basis of equality, mutual benefit, and reciprocity.

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B. Such exchanges and cooperation shall be subject to the constitutions and applicable laws and regulations of the respective countries, and shall be subject to the availability of funds. Within this framework, the Parties will make every effort to promote favorable conditions for the fulfillment of this cooperation and these exchanges.

C. The cooperation provided for in this Memorandum is not intended to affect relations currently established between state education agencies, institutions, or school systems of the Republic of Mexico and the United States of America. Rather, the Parties shall attempt to identify new areas for joint activities, or, where deemed appropriate by all concerned, to strengthen or expand existing programs.

ARTICLE II: METHODS OF COOPERATION

A. In carrying out the general principles of this Memorandum the Parties intend to:

1. Encourage and facilitate closer relationships between state education agencies and offices, schools and school systems, post-secondary institutions, appropriate educational organizations, other educational entities, and private sector establishments involved in education in the two countries, and
2. Encourage mutually beneficial educational activities involving researchers, scholars, faculty members, teachers, educational administrators, and other specialists to lecture, teach, conduct research, and develop cooperative programs.

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B. The Parties intend to emphasize:

1. Cooperation that facilitates exchanges and dialogue centered on educational management, methods, evaluation and research, and
2. In support of other bilateral initiatives and programs, the study and teaching of each other's language, culture, and history through the development of exchanges and cooperation as described above and through other mutually agreed measures.

ARTICLE III: ORGANIZATION AND COOPERATION

A. The executive agency for fulfilling the Memorandum for Mexico shall be the Secretariat for Public Education, in consultation with the Ministry of Foreign Relations. The executive agency for fulfilling the Memorandum for the United States of America shall be the Department of Education, in consultation with the Department of State and the United States Information Agency.

The representatives of the Parties will meet periodically to review the implementation of cooperation and exchanges and to develop specific programs of mutual benefit. At these meetings, which may include representative of other interested organization as appropriate, they will also exchange views on the state of educational cooperation between the two countries. The preparations for such meetings, their timing and their agendas, will be established through diplomatic channels.

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ARTICLE IV: METHOD OF IMPLEMENTATION

- A. Specific activities to be undertaken under this Memorandum, which have been agreed to by both executive agencies, are included in the Annex and shall commence during the school year 1990-1991.
- B. Additional annexes may provide for new activities as mutually agreed by the executive agencies.

ARTICLE V: FINANCING

Unless otherwise agreed, each executive agency shall bear the costs of its participation.

ARTICLE VI: TERM OF MEMORANDUM

This Memorandum shall be effective September 1, 1990, and remain effective until December 31, 1991, after which it will be extended for successive two year periods unless one Party notifies the other of the termination thereof no later than June 30, 1991, or not less than six months prior to the expiration of any such two year period.

DONE at [Washington]
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in duplicate, in the English and Spanish languages, both texts being equally authentic.