

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**  
**BETWEEN**  
**THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION**  
**(MAECI) OF THE ITALIAN REPUBLIC**  
**AND**  
**THE BRAZILIAN NATIONAL COUNCIL OF STATE FUNDING AGENCIES (CONFAP)**  
**OF THE FEDERATIVE REPUBLIC OF BRAZIL**  
**ON SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL COOPERATION**

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation (MAECI) of the Italian Republic and the Brazilian National Council of State Funding Agencies (CONFAP) of the Federative Republic of Brazil, hereinafter referred to as the "Parties",

CONSIDERING the present state of collaboration on science and technology;

WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK of the Agreement for scientific and technological cooperation between the Government of the Italian Republic and the Government of the Federative Republic of Brazil, done at Rome on 12 February 1997;

IN ORDER TO increase the level of collaboration between researchers of the their respective countries;

IN COORDINATION with the Research Support State Foundations (FAPs), the ministries and public institutions involved in the promotion of research and innovation in their respective countries,

HAVE REACHED THE FOLLOWING UNDERSTANDING:

1. MAECI and CONFAP will further develop collaborative research activities in the field of science, technology and innovation.
2. The Parties will jointly choose the scientific areas of mutual interest to carry out cooperation activities
3. MAECI and CONFAP will discuss and jointly decide future opportunities for joint funding of scientific research projects and for other activities aimed at promoting bilateral relations. Examples of specific cooperation initiatives that may be activated within the framework of the present Memorandum of Understanding between the Parties are: 1) joint research projects, 2) exchange of researchers and 3) bilateral seminars.
4. The evaluation process of project proposals will be carried out in two steps: step 1 will be carried out independently by each Party and will result in a shortlist of projects selected at the national level; step 2 will be carried out in a Joint Committee Meeting (JCM) and will result in a shared final list of projects selected for funding. The financial support will be provided by the Parties in accordance with their respective national and/or regional Laws, Rules, Regulations and Procedures.

5. Contact persons responsible for the promotion and coordination of the ongoing bilateral collaboration in individual scientific areas will be identified by the Parties and communicated to each other.

6. With regard to the protection and distribution of intellectual property deriving from the activities implemented in the context of this Memorandum, the Parties will refer to Article 3 of the Agreement for scientific and technological cooperation between the Government of the Italian Republic and the Government of the Federative Republic of Brazil, done at Rome on 12 February 1997.

7. MAECI and CONFAP will jointly:

- (i) draw up the joint call to collect the three-year project proposals within the identified thematic areas;
- (ii) Participate to the Joint Commission according to the Agreement for scientific and technological cooperation, done at Rome on 12 February 1997. In particular, within the JCM, the Parties will assess the status of ongoing programs and advice on their continuation following mutual consultation;
- (iii) Maintain a close mutual exchange of information.

9. The Parties will monitor the implementation of the present Memorandum of Understanding within three years from the date of signature and every three years thereafter. Each evaluation will be carried out in a joint meeting, during which previous activities will be analyzed and assessed.

10. All the activities set forth in this Memorandum of Understanding, including the funding of the joint projects, will be implemented by the Parties according to their ordinary budget availability without any additional costs for the State budgets of the Italian Republic and the Federative Republic of Brazil.

11. This Memorandum of Understanding will be implemented in accordance with the Italian and Brazilian legislations, as well as applicable international law and, as for the Italian Party, the obligations arising from Italy's membership of the European Union.

12. Any difference in the interpretation and/or implementation of this Memorandum of Understanding will be settled amicably by means of direct consultations and negotiations between the Parties.

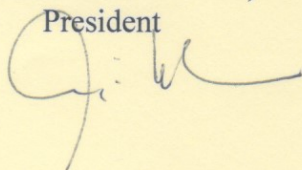
13. The Parties may amend this Memorandum of Understanding in writing by mutual consent.

14. This Memorandum of Understanding takes effect on the date of signature, it will remain valid for three (3) years and will be automatically renewed for further periods of three (3) years unless one of the Parties notifies the other of its intention to terminate it three (3) months prior to the intended date of expiration.

Signed in Brasilia on 30/7/2019 in two originals in the English language.

CONFAP

(Evaldo Ferreira Vilela)  
President



ITALIAN EMBASSY IN BRAZIL

(Antonio Bernardini)  
Ambassador

