

## **MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING AND COOPERATION**

**between**  
**Al-Farabi Kazakh National University**  
**and**  
**the Center for Emergency Situations**  
**and Disaster Risk Reduction,**  
**Almaty, Republic of Kazakhstan**

Al-Farabi Kazakh National University (Al-Farabi KazNU), represented by the First Vice-Rector Mukhametkali Myrzabayevich Burkitbayev, and the Center for Emergency Situations and Disaster Risk Reduction (the Center), represented by the Director of the Center Valery Viktorovich Petrov (hereinafter jointly referred to as the “Parties”, and individually as a “Party”), have agreed as follows:

### ARTICLE 1

1.1. The purpose of this Memorandum is to establish interaction and cooperation between the Parties based on equality and mutual benefit, to strengthen the capacity of the Parties in the field of disaster risk reduction and emergency management, and to practically implement activities of mutual interest.

1.2. The main objectives of interaction and cooperation are to create favorable conditions for the exchange of experience, ideas, information, and methodological materials, as well as to organize joint research and development within agreed priority areas, programs, and projects.

### ARTICLE 2

2.1. Subject to and depending on the availability of funds and resources of the Parties, the following forms of cooperation may be implemented within the framework of this Memorandum:

- development and implementation of joint regional and international programs and projects in the field of disaster risk reduction, emergency prevention, and response;
- exchange of technical and other information, including samples and standards;
- technical assistance, including the use of equipment and technologies, where necessary;

- development of software products, provision of products and services;
- training of individual specialists, exchange of experience, and other jointly developed opportunities;
- engagement of specialists for training, workshops, seminars, meetings, professional development courses, summer schools, and similar activities;
- development of academic cooperation (internships and practical training for students and staff);
- cooperation in scientific research (participation in fundamental and applied research projects);
- attraction of grants from international and non-profit organizations for disaster risk reduction and the development and implementation of joint international programs and projects;
- professional development of experts and specialists through special exercises, training sessions, courses, and other relevant activities;
- establishment and maintenance of working contacts with other international research institutions for continuous exchange of information in the field of disaster risk reduction, emergency prevention, and response;
- promotion of dialogue and cooperation between academic communities and practitioners engaged in disaster risk reduction, risk management, and partnership-building among stakeholders, including those involved in socio-economic aspects of disaster risk reduction;
- implementation of measures to harmonize national legislation in the field of emergencies and civil defense (protection);
- development of standard methodologies for emergency response, response operations, use of joint reserve capacities, and preparation of reference, analytical, and statistical materials in the field of emergencies and civil defense (protection);
- establishment and regular updating of a database of experts for their involvement in joint projects, as well as volunteer organizations and internship programs in the

field of disaster risk reduction, emergency prevention, and response;

- other forms of cooperation as may be mutually agreed upon by the Parties.

### ARTICLE 3

By mutual consent of the Parties, third-party organizations and individuals may be involved in joint activities carried out under this Memorandum.

### ARTICLE 4

Any amendments and/or modifications to this Memorandum shall require the written consent of the Parties and shall be attached to this document.

### ARTICLE 5

5.1. Either Party reserves the right to terminate this Memorandum prematurely at any time, with or without cause, by providing written notice to the other Party ninety (90) days prior to the date of termination.

5.2. If, at the time of termination of this Memorandum, activities under any program implemented pursuant to an additional memorandum forming an integral part of this Memorandum are ongoing, all such activities shall be completed regardless of the termination date of this Memorandum. Both Parties shall make every effort to ensure this.

### ARTICLE 6

6.1. This Memorandum shall enter into force upon signature and shall remain valid for five years. Upon expiration, it shall be automatically extended for a subsequent five-year period unless the Parties decide otherwise. The Memorandum may be amended or supplemented by mutual consent of the Parties.

6.2. Termination of this Memorandum with respect to the Party that has notified its withdrawal shall not affect the completion of scientific cooperation activities carried out under this Memorandum and not completed by the expiration date.

6.3. This Memorandum is executed in two copies in the Russian language, one copy for each Party.

6.4. This Memorandum was signed by both Parties in the city of Almaty, Republic of Kazakhstan, on 16 June 2017.

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