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With the objective of strengthening the ties of cooperation between Brazil and the School of Marxism Studies, Renmin University of China, the Universidade Federal da Bahia, hereinafter known as UFBA, represented, in this act, by the Vice Rector, Prof. Penildon Silva Filho, and the School of Marxism Studies, Renmin University of China, represented, in this act, by the Deputy Secretary of the Party Committee, and Secretary of the Disciplinary Committee, RUC, Prof. Wu Fulai, do sign this Cultural, Educational, and Scientific Agreement of Cooperation.

## **CHAPTER I THE SCOPE OF THE COOPERATION**

### **ARTICLE 1:**

The areas of cooperation covered by this Agreement include any field that is considered to be of mutual interest and that can contribute to the achievement of the goals established by the two Parties.

## **CHAPTER II THE AREAS OF COOPERATION**

### **ARTICLE 2:**

The following activities shall be promoted as priority items:

- a) Exchange of students at undergraduate and post-graduate levels;
- b) Collaboration between teachers and researchers regarding the development of research;
- c) Promotion of scientific events;
- d) Supervision and co-supervision of Master's and Doctoral dissertations;
- e) Exchange of bibliographic material.

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### CHAPTER III THE METHODS OF COOPERATION

#### ARTICLE 3:

The conditions related to the realisation of the joint activities, as well as the utilisation of the outcomes and production thereof, shall be decided by common accord and shall merit ample internal publicity in both of the institutions.

### CHAPTER IV FINANCES

#### ARTICLE 4:

The present agreement does not imply any financial obligation on the part of either of the interested parties. Projects which involve the procurement and management of financial resources will be subject to Addendum Agreements, wherein the parties involved must attach supporting documentation of the funding.

### CHAPTER V THE STUDENT EXCHANGE PROGRAMME

#### ARTICLE 5:

In accordance with the contents of Article 2, both institutions undertake to promote and encourage student exchange.

#### ARTICLE 6:

The general principles of this Programme are as follows:

§1. The university at which the exchange candidate student is regularly enrolled shall be known as *the home institution* and the institution at which the student will stay temporarily, as an exchange student, shall be known as *the host institution*. The student who participates in this exchange programme shall be known as the *exchange student*.

§2°. The objective of this Programme is to promote and to make possible the exchange of students at undergraduate and post-graduate levels between the two universities on an ongoing basis.

§3°. In the selection of participating students, the following principles should be observed:

- I. The home institution is in charge of selecting the participants in this Programme, being at liberty to define internally the academic-administrative criteria to be used as guidelines;
- II. When in the role of host institution, each of the institutions undertakes to respect the selection carried out by the home institution;
- III. The host institution reserves the right to make final adjustments to the selection in accordance with the availability of places and/or supervisors for the areas of proposed study;
- IV. Each institution shall reserve, in each academic semester, 1-2 places for this Programme, making up a total of 2-4 places annually;
- V. Both institutions will endeavour to maintain equilibrium in the number of exchange students, on a one-to-one basis. Any imbalances should be compensated for by regulating the flow of students in subsequent periods.

§4°. The following principles should guide the Programme:

- I. Each exchange student can apply to any undergraduate or postgraduate courses, which the the host institution can provide;
- II. In order to be able to participate in the Programme, the undergraduate exchange student must have completed 50% of the total workload requirement of their regular course at the home institution (in the case of undergraduate courses. In the case of postgraduate courses, the postgraduate exchange student must have completed 1 semester (masters program) or two semesters (doctoral program), of regular study at the home institution. However, the decision regarding this format is the sole responsibility of the relevant Postgraduate Programs Committee;
- III. Each undergraduate exchange student can undertake a minimum of one (1) semester of study and a maximum of two (2) semesters of study at the host institution, except in the case of participation in specific research projects or

scientific events of shorter duration;

IV. Exchange students shall be accorded the status of *visiting student*, and as such they are not entitled to receive a Degree or Diploma from the host institution;

V. The credits obtained by each exchange student at the host institution shall be approved by the home institution, and incorporated into their Academic Record in accordance with established internal criteria;

VI. After completion of the period of exchange, students must return to their home institution. Any extension of time must have the prior approval of both institutions;

VII. Should exchange students wish to remain at the host institution to study for relevant degree after having completed the exchange period, they must follow the rules relating to candidature and selection in force at that institution and sever their link with the home institution. The status of exchange student in no way facilitates their entry into the host institution as a regular student;

VIII. All exchange students must obey the academic procedures, and rules of conduct of the host institution, being subject to the sanctions foreseen in its Regulations.

§5°. Safeguarding the observations contained in Paragraphs 3 and 4, both institutions undertake to:

I. Advise future exchange students with regard to obtaining the student visa, fundamental to their participation in the Program;

II. Welcome and mentor exchange students, granting them adequate academic programme orientation;

III. Assist exchange students regarding lodgings, food, transport, etc.; buy insurances for exchange students;

IV. Guarantee the exchange student access to all facilities offered to regular students of the host institution;

V. At the end of each study period, issue exchange students with an official Academic Transcript, listing the disciplines studied, number of contact hours, the credit weighting, and the final grade obtained.

§6°. Concerning the costs of participation in the Programme, the following procedures are to be followed:

- I. Every exchange student will be exempt from paying tuition fees to the host institution;
- II. Payment for extension courses, extra classes, cultural events, and any other activity that is not a regular course administered at the host institution in which the student is officially enrolled is not covered by Chapter I of this agreement;
- III. Any non-regular courses offered by the host institution at the request of the home institution will be subject to extra charges;
- IV. Exchange students shall be entirely responsible for the costs associated with the issuance of visas, international travel, lodging, international health and repatriation insurance, food, local transport, acquisition of study material, and whatever personal expenses they perceive as being desirable or necessary throughout the period of exchange.

## **CHAPTER VI THE INSTITUTIONAL REPRESENTATION**

### **ARTICLE 7:**

The Parties indicate two Institutional Coordinators to be responsible for the administration of the activities performed under this Agreement. UFBA's Institutional Coordinator shall send annual reports to the Assessoria para Assuntos Internacionais - AAI/UFBA.

- Institutional Coordinator at UFBA:

- Institutional Coordinator at the School of Marxism Studies, Renmin University of China:

## **CHAPTER VII THE VALIDITY OF THE AGREEMENT**

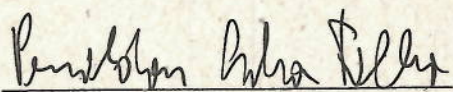
### **ARTICLE 8:**

This Agreement will be valid for five (5) years from the date of its signature, and may be renewed for an equal period, by mutual written agreement.

Either party may rescind the present agreement by giving written notice at least (90) days before its expiry, without impediment to the activities, programmes, or projects being carried out on that occasion.

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Signed by UFBA and the School of Marxism Studies, Renmin University of China in two (2) originals.

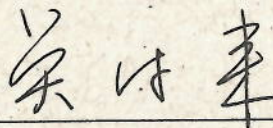


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