## MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE GERMAN RECTORS' CONFERENCE (HRK) AND ASOCIACIÓN NACIONAL DE UNIVERSIDADES E INSTITUCIONES DE EDUCACIÓN SUPERIOR DE LOS ESTADOS UNIDOS MEXICANOS (ANUIES)

MOTIVATED by the desire to develop closer working relations, in support of increased cooperation and understanding in the higher education sector between Germany and Mexico.

**RECOGNIZING** the opportunity associated with the 2016 joint year of Germany and Mexico to be celebrated by both governments, and the priority afforded to Higher Education under that initiative.

"HRK" and "ANUIES" have come to the following understanding, and had agreed to work together in the following areas both during the 2016 joint year and beyond:

- I. Renew the German-Mexico Framework Agreement on Academic Cooperation,
- II. To share information and expertise concerning the higher education system which each represents, in support of consolidation of the relations between German and Mexican higher education institutions.
- III. To use their networks to organize in a joint way, programs and activities on education, culture, science, technology and innovation, to contribute to the social and economic development in both countries.

The designated coordinators to stablish communication and organize the work that derives from the present memorandum will be:

a) For the German Rectors' Conference: The Head of the International Department.

b) For the Asociación Nacional de Universidades e Instituciones de Educación Superior en México (ANUIES): The Direction of International Relations.

This Memorandum is intended as a statement of intent and does not constitute a legally binding or jurisdictional consequence.

The Memorandum will take effect from the date signed by both parties and will remain in force for a period of three (3) years, and it can be amendment and/or modified with previous agreement form the Parties. However, it can be terminated when one of the parties requests it, by a written notice to the other six (6) months in advanced; in this situation, the activities initiated under this instrument shall continue to its total termination.

"HRK" and "ANUIES" recognize the importance of stablishing collaboration mechanisms and cooperation actions, that is why they manifest their agreement with the terms in the present memorandum of understanding and signed in duplicate, one in English and the other one in Spanish, in the city of Berlin, on the eleventh day of April of two thousand and sixteen.

BY "HRK"

BY "ANUIES"

Horst Hippler President

General Executive Secretary