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## **MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**

### **AND COOPERATION IN THE "BRICS LAW INSTITUTE" PROJECT**

*Yekaterinburg, Russia*

*June 17, 2015*

Pontifical Catholic University Sao Paulo (Sao Paulo, Brazil),  
University of Sao Paulo (Sao Paulo, Brazil),  
Ural State Law University (Yekaterinburg, Russia),  
National Law University (Jodhpur, India),  
Beijing Union University (Beijing, China),  
University of Pretoria (Pretoria, Republic of South Africa)

hereinafter jointly referred to as "the Parties", have agreed upon their participation in the "BRICS Law Institute" project, considering that the creation and operation of such Institutes is one of the ways to develop international cooperation among universities aimed at the coordination of joint efforts to develop cooperation among our countries.

#### ***Clause 1***

In conformity with the priority of cooperation among universities mentioned in the preamble, the Parties agree to create a separate Institute of BRICS law in the universities of the Parties of the Memorandum.

#### ***Clause 2***

As the main priorities of the joint activities of Institutes of BRICS law, the Parties undertake the following:

- 1) to jointly conduct and coordinate comparative research of the legal systems of the BRICS countries;
- 2) to conduct legal research and elaborate BRICS legal documents and check their correlation with national legal systems;
- 3) to provide legal expert and advisory work in the sphere of BRICS.

### *Clause 3*

During the period of 2015-2016, the Parties agree to solve the issue concerning the creation of BRICS law Institutes at or with the participation of the universities of the Parties of the Memorandum. Legal forms of the Institutes, procedure and main activities are to be determined by the Parties independently. Different forms of coordination among Institutes and organization of joint projects shall be decided upon by the Parties in additional agreements among the Parties.

### *Clause 4*

To coordinate further activities of BRICS law Institutes, the Parties have agreed to hold a meeting once a year. The meetings can be held both in presence and in the form of distant participation. Starting with the year of 2016, the Parties shall organize the meetings of coordination in the following order:

Brazil (Pontifical Catholic University of Sao Paulo, University of Sao Paulo, Sao Paulo);

Russia (Ural State Law University, Yekaterinburg);

India (National Law University, Jodhpur);

China (Beijing Union University, Beijing);

Republic of South Africa (University of Pretoria, Pretoria).

After the end of each five-year period, the order of meetings shall start all over again.

### *Clause 5*

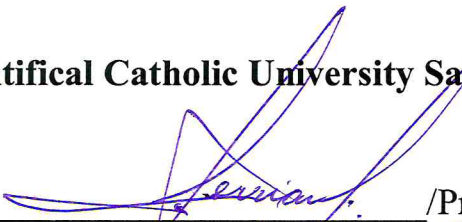
The Parties have agreed that any university situated on the territory of the BRICS countries will have an opportunity to join the BRICS Law Institute project by accession

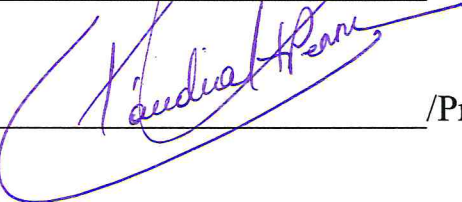
to the Memorandum provided that such a university will submit a recommendation from a participant mentioned in clause 4.

**Clause 6**


The Parties have executed this Memorandum of Understanding in 6 (six) identical copies, in Russian and English, to one and the same effect, one for each of the Parties.

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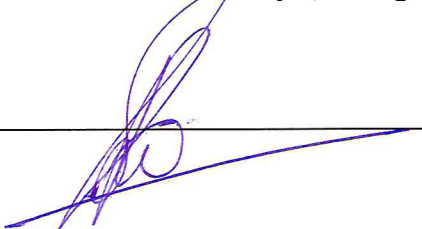
  
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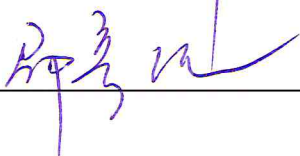
  
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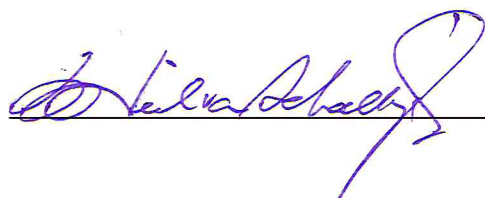
  
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