MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON, USA, AND UNIVERSIDAD AUTÓNOMA DE MADRID, SPAIN, through THE FOUNDATION CULTURE OF PEACE

Preamble: In order to promote cooperation between the UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON and UNIVERSIDAD AUTÓNOMA DE MADRID, both Parties agree to a framework for educational and scientific cooperation in the field of Gender and Wellbeing outlined here. Both institutions aim to expand scholarly ties, facilitate academic cooperation and promote mutual understanding.

UW-Madison’s collaboration will be coordinated through the 4W Initiative (Women and Wellbeing in Wisconsin and the World), which is convened by the Department of Gender and Women’s Studies, the School of Human Ecology, and the Global Health Institute. This campus-wide initiative aims to make life better for women and make the world better for all. A range of activities will be realized within a holistic framework that emphasizes basic needs and human rights, equality in relationships and society, leadership and empowerment, and fully inclusive sustainable community.

The efforts of Universidad Autónoma de Madrid will be coordinated by Dr. Teresa Langle de Paz, director of Women’s Knowledge International, or her successor, through the Foundation Culture of Peace, founded and headed by Mr. Federico Mayor Zaragoza. Special efforts will be devoted to fostering collaborations directly or indirectly related to the Instituto Universitario de Estudios de la Mujer (IUEM) and the Cátedra UNESCO Red UNITWIN de Políticas de Género y de Igualdad de Derechos entre Mujeres y Hombres (UNESCO Red UNITWIN Chair on Gender Policies and Equal Rights for Women and Men), at Universidad Autónoma de Madrid.

To date, a number of joint activities have already been undertaken by faculty members of both Universities including academic exchanges, action research, and educational activities. These have been highly valued and mutually beneficial.

THEREFORE, the Parties agree as follows:

1. The Parties will encourage the following activities:
   a. Consultation of faculty, departments and centers to explore potentially mutually beneficial research and community-based research projects;
b. Exploration of the feasibility of activities such as student exchanges, faculty exchanges for

c. research, lectures and discussion that mutually benefit both institutions;

d. Investigation of outside funding sources for projects determined to be mutually beneficial to

e. both institutions.

2. Themes of joint activities and the conditions for utilizing the results achieved and arrangements for specific visits, exchanges, and other forms of cooperation will be developed mutually for each specific case. Any commitment of resources, financial or otherwise, must be made in specific agreements to be entered into for this purpose at a subsequent date.

3. The Parties agree to consult periodically concerning the status of these explorations and other relevant matters.

4. The Parties agree that any conflicts arising from the present MoU will be resolved by a joint committee set up for that purpose.

5. This MoU will be in effect for a period of three years (3) upon signature of both Parties and can be renewed by the expressed agreement of both Parties. If one Party wishes to cancel the agreement, this decision must be communicated to the other Party, in writing, no less than six months in advance.

For Universidad Autónoma de Madrid: 

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