

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN
THE OFFICE OF THE UN HIGH COMMISSIONER
FOR HUMAN RIGHTS
AND
THE EUROPEAN MASTER'S PROGRAMME
IN HUMAN RIGHTS AND DEMOCRATIZATION**

- Considering that the UN Decade for Human Rights Education in the Field of Human Rights (1995-2005) proclaimed by the General Assembly in December 1994 and the Plan of Action adopted for the realization of this Decade are important bases for the promotion of democracy, the rule of law and the respect of all human rights;
- Considering that the European Master's Program in Human Rights and Democratization¹ has as a primary aim to develop high-level professionals in the field of human rights and to create an academic network among various universities, students and scholars in the field of human rights;
- Considering that the European Master's Programme in Human Rights and Democratization has appropriate research, educational and training facilities with the active support of the European Union;

The Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights and the European Master's Programme in Human Rights and Democratization do hereby agree to cooperate in the following areas:

- A. Education and research: through the teaching of human rights and the provision of research facilities and research projects by the Master's Programme in support of the work of the OHCHR; the UN treaty bodies and the mechanisms of the Commission on Human Rights;
- B. Training: through the provision of adequate facilities and logistical and administrative support to training of the trainers and other target groups in cooperation with or on behalf of the OHCHR;
- C. Establishment of a Roster: The European Master's programme will ensure that a roster of graduate students from the Master's Programme would be made available to the OHCHR with a view to informing OHCHR of the availability of candidates for service in the field of human rights, both for monitoring and technical cooperation activities
- D. Internship programme OHCHR will give appropriate consideration to those graduate

¹ which is organized by fifteen European universities: University of Vienna, Catholic University of Leuven, University of Odense, Abo Akademi University, University Robert Schuman (Strasbourg), Ruhr-Universität Bochum, Aristotele University of Thessaloniki, National University of Ireland, University Centre of Luxembourg, University of Maastricht, University of Coimbra, University of Deusto (Bilbao), University of Lund, University of Essex, University of Padova, coordinating university

students from the Master's Programme who would qualify for the various internship positions offered by OHCHR, it being understood that the OHCHR internship programme must strive to guarantee an appropriate and balanced representation of qualified candidates from a variety of academic institutions.

In order to ensure the development of an effective cooperative endeavor between the Master's Programme and OHCHR, the two parties agree to meet at least once per year in Geneva to review all areas of cooperation;

A senior focal point in the OHCHR will be identified in order to liaise and coordinate activities and other aspects of the relationship between OHCHR and the EU Master's Programme with its Director or his Representative.

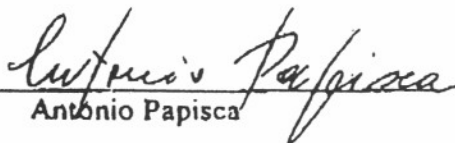
The present MOU shall enter into force following signature by both parties and may be terminated by one of the parties three months after written notification.

For the UN Office of the High Commissioner
for Human Rights



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In Human Rights And Democratization



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Done in Geneva, May 25th, 1999.