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MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN

ASIA – PACIFIC RESEARCH CENTER (APAM), ANKARA UNIVERSITY (TURKEY) AND PATHFINDER FOUNDATION (SRI LANKA)

The Pathfinder Foundation (PF) and Asia-Pacific Research Centre of Ankara University (APAM), sharing the view that closer cooperation between the two institutions will serve their common interests in pursuing their respective academic, research and policy objectives, related to the development and strengthening of their respective profiles in Sri Lanka and Turkey and eager to practically work together to benefit the country and its people, agree to establish cooperation at an institutionalized level and on the basis of mutual interest, benefits and reciprocity, including the following:

ARTICLE I OBJECTIVES

The objective of this Memorandum of Understanding ("MOU") is to outline the understandings on which PF and APAM will develop and carry out collaborative activities.

ARTICLE II SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES

The scope of collaboration on academic and research activities under this MOU may include, but is not limited to the following:

1.To exchange academic information, scholarly papers, policy research & training, books and research materials;

2.To conduct joint research projects, including on the basis of joint funding and to publish jointly or in a coordinated manner, papers and outcomes of joint projects;

3.To arrange the exchange of visiting scholars, researchers and other personnel;

4. To hold inter-institutional meetings;

5.To organize together national and international workshops and seminars; and to carry out specific projects or events to be agreed upon by the two institutions.

6.To designate a person responsible for the above-mentioned matters of cooperation and implementation.

ARTICLE III CONTRIBUTION BY BOTH PARTIES

- The Parties shall at all times keep confidential and shall not disclose to any third party, persons or individual any confidential information acquired or discovered by either Party in connection with the performance of this MOU unless otherwise authorized in advance in writing by either Party.
- 2. Nothing to this MOU shall prevent the Parties from contracting with any third Party on a similar basis with regards to the subject matter of this MOU.
- 3. Neither Party is an agent, representative, or legal partner of the other Party. Neither Party shall have any right, power, or authority to enter into any contract, commitment or agreement for, or on behalf of, or incur any obligation or liability of, or to otherwise bind, the other Party. This MOU shall not be interpreted or construed to create an association, agency, joint venture, or legal partnership between the Parties or to impose any liability attributable to such a relationship upon either Party.
- 4. Signature of this MOU does not and shall not create any legal relations nor material, financial or other obligation between the Parties. Neither Party shall be legally bound by the terms of this agreement. If the Parties decide, having entered this MOU, they would like to consider binding arrangements with each other, for example to provide services to each other, then they shall negotiate and agree in writing a binding agreement, such as a Memorandum of Agreement, relating to any such matter. Specific initiatives are to be considered and agreed upon, on a case-by-case basis, including the contributions and obligations of each Party.

AMENDMENTS AND DURATION OF THE AGREEMENT **ARTICLE IV**

This Memorandum is effective for a period of 5 (five) years from the date of signature. It may be extended or amended with the written agreement of both Parties. This Memorandum of Understanding may be terminated by either Party subject to the delivery of six (6) months advance notice, in writing.

Signed on behalf of: Ankara University

Pathfinder Foundation

Signature Name: Prof. Dr. Necdet Ünüvar Position: Rector

Date: September 28th, 2021

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Signature Name: Mr. Bernard Goonetilleke Position Chairman

Date: 01/10/2021

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Signature Name: Prof. Dr. Ali Merthan Dündar Position: Director, APAM

Date: 16.09.2021

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