



## **Memorandum of Understanding**

### **Between**

**International Council on Monuments and Sites (ICOMOS),**  
hereby represented by its President, Gustavo Araoz

### **And**

**E.C.C.O. (European Confederation of Conservator-Restorers' Organisations),**  
hereby represented by its President, Susan Corr

## **1 PREAMBLE**

**ICOMOS**, the International Council on Monuments and Sites, is an international, non-governmental organization with over 9,500 members in 110 countries. ICOMOS works for the conservation and protection of cultural heritage places. It is the only global non-government organisation of this kind, which is dedicated to promoting the application of theory, methodology, and scientific techniques to the conservation of the architectural and archaeological heritage. Its work is based on the principles enshrined in the 1964 International Charter on the Conservation and Restoration of Monuments and Sites (the Venice Charter).

ICOMOS is a network of experts that benefits from the interdisciplinary exchange of its members, among which are architects, historians, conservator-restorers, archaeologists, art historians, geographers, anthropologists, engineers and town planners.

The members of ICOMOS contribute to improving the preservation of heritage, the standards and the techniques for each type of cultural heritage property: buildings, historic cities, cultural landscapes.

In addition, ICOMOS aims to:

- collect, evaluate and disseminate information on conservation principles, techniques and policies;
- cooperate with national and international authorities on the establishment of documentation centres specializing in conservation;
- work for the adoption and implementation of international conventions on the conservation and enhancement of architectural heritage;
- participate in the organization of training programmes for conservation specialists on a world-wide scale;
- put expertise of highly qualified professionals and specialists at the service of the international community.

**ECCO**, the European Confederation of Conservator-Restorers' Organisations, was established on 14 October 1991, as an international association dedicated to the development and promotion - at a practical, scientific and cultural level- of the Conservation-Restoration of cultural heritage. It has 21 member organisations in Europe and three associate members all composed of professional Conservator-Restorers.

E.C.C.O. promotes a high level of education and training, research and practice in the field of Conservation-Restoration, in accordance with the definition adopted by E.C.C.O.  
E.C.C.O. aims to work toward legal recognition of professional standards in order to affirm and obtain recognition of the professional status of Conservator-Restorer at National and European level.

## **2 OBJECTIVE OF THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**

The purpose of this Memorandum of Understanding is to formalise the joint effort to promote the conservation-restoration of Cultural Heritage.

This agreement should allow for smooth communication and coordination of efforts between the involved parties.

The parties agree to cooperate in implementation, to the best of their ability and within available resources, the activities and related terms listed below.

## **3 AREAS OF COLLABORATION**

- 1 The sharing of regional and international networks to advance projects of benefit to ICOMOS and E.C.C.O.
- 2 Involvement in the International Scientific Committees of ICOMOS in those areas that correspond to E.C.C.O. strategic goals.
- 3 Joint publication and the dissemination of knowledge and information on good conservation practices derived from the work of the two organizations.
- 4 Cooperation in the study and analysis of training and educational structures (undergraduate and graduate, professional specialisation, continuing education, crafts training, etc.) in order to promote excellence in capacity building in all areas of the world.
- 5 Coordination, as appropriate, to enhance common work with regional, intergovernmental organizations, NGOs etc.
- 6 ICOMOS and E.C.C.O. will keep each other informed of activities of mutual interest, on a regular basis as a means of enhancing communication flow between the two institutions, mobilising resources, making best use of limited resources and avoiding duplication.

## **4 EFFECTIVE DATE AND DURATION OF MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**

This Memorandum of Understanding shall come into force upon signature of both parties and will be effective for a period of 5 years. This Memorandum of Understanding can be renewed for successive additional periods of 5 years upon agreement of both parties.

Either Party may terminate this MoU by giving the other Party six (6) months' advance written notice of termination. It is understood that any such termination shall have no effect on any Supplemental Agreements then in force between the Parties, and that the performance of such Supplemental Agreements shall be subject to their own terms and conditions.

## **5 AMENDMENTS**

This Memorandum of Understanding may be revised by mutual consent of both parties, by the issuance of a written amendment, signed and dated by both parties.

## **6 ARBITRATION**

The signatories to this Memorandum of Understanding undertake to settle amicably any differences that may arise between them over its implementation.

## **7 REPRESENTATION**

Neither party shall have the authority to incur any liability or make any commitment on behalf of the other party vis à vis any third party, contractually or otherwise, without the other party's advance express written consent.

## 8 INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

Intellectual property and copyright of all documents jointly produced in the framework of this agreement belong jointly to ICOMOS and E.C.C.O. Ideas, developed by these partners, outside the framework of this agreement remain the intellectual property of the institution that generated them. When combining existing institutional ideas in a new product within the framework, only the final product is considered for joint copyright.

## 9 USE OF LOGOS

It is agreed that only the logo of ICOMOS and E.C.C.O. shall appear on the front cover of all publications and reports produced in the framework of the project subject of this memorandum of understanding.

## 10 CONTACT PERSONS

Parties must have at all times one or two nominated person(s) who is the contact person for the project and an obligation to advise all other parties immediately of any changes. Contact persons will be appointed in the Working Plans associated to this MOU.

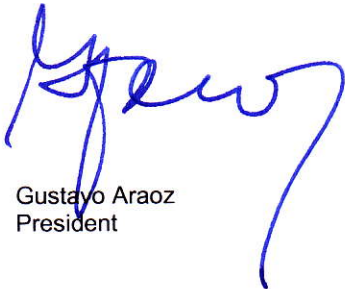
## 11 SIGNATURES

For ICOMOS:

For E.C.C.O.:

Date:

Date:



Gustavo Araoz  
President



Susan Corr  
President